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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
October 2nd & 16th
November 6th & 20th
December 4th & 18th

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

2017 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

In 2011, Perry Township performed its first community survey to determine our residents' opinions regarding how the township was operating. We also performed surveys in 2012, 2014 and most recently this past summer in 2017. When we initiated the survey, we wanted to be able to track the data in a measurable way. Therefore, we developed standard questions to be able to compare results from survey to survey and determine whether we are getting better or worse in different areas of the township.

These questions also give us an idea of how our township is changing in terms of number of people in a household, age distribution, how people prefer to get township communication, topics that our residents consider important and effectiveness of township departments and elected officials. We use this information to help guide us in making township decisions and how to allocate township resources. Our ultimate goal is to make sure we are serving the needs of the township residents. Below is the breakdown of the data over the last 4 surveys and our most recent survey from 2017.



Since 2011 we have seen a 52% increase in the number of responses that we have obtained. This tells us that we are reaching more people through our email and social media systems. We also have seen a change in how people want to receive township information.

For example, when we first began this survey in 2011, 70% of respondents preferred US Mail to receive correspondence from the township. In 2017 only 18% want to receive US Mail, and an overwhelming majority now prefers email as the primary means of communication. However, we have seen a small uptick in the number of residents now wanting to receive text messages.

In 2017, respondents rated the township's communications as follows:

- ✓ 86% gave our website an excellent or good rating
- ✓ 82% gave our newsletter an excellent or good rating
- ✓ 84% gave our E-Broadcasts an excellent or good rating

We have some work to do on Facebook with only 29% giving it an excellent or good rating although 59% indicated it wasn't applicable for them.

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SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS ONE STREET AT A TIME

Each year, the Board of Trustees appropriate monies to improve the Township's roadways. Perry Township is extremely fortunate to have a Road Superintendent who is constantly reviewing new processes, materials, and options in an effort to reduce the need for repairs, extend the life of township streets; and, save tax payer dollars.

Over the years, Road Superintendent, Bryan Shonkwiler, has introduced new processes such as crack-sealing the roadways. The crack-sealing product the road crew lays down prevents moisture from reaching the base and creating larger cracks in the roadway as the water expands and contracts during temperatures fluctuations. A weak base accelerates the deterioration of the pavement, which in turn creates potholes; and, the need for an expensive repaving project.

Not that long ago, Superintendent Shonkwiler, tested a new micro-surfacing product. The micro-surface looks very similar to asphalt; however, it is less expensive than new asphalt overlay, extends the life of pavement approximately 7+ years and dries fast!

That all said, whether streets are crack-sealed or micro-surfaced, eventually the roadways will need to be mill and paved due to overuse and deterioration from weather conditions. Enter our favorite Road Superintendent, Mr. Shonkwiler with a better and - once again - cost effective solution...FIBERMAT®.

FIBERMAT® is another tool in the toolbox for preventative road maintenance. The product bonds well with asphalt, reduces repairs, and resists cracking. The application is fast and the street is typically open to traffic in about 15 minutes. The product has significant tensile strength and flexibility to absorb movements in the pavement structure. In layman's terms, tensile strength is the stress at which material permanently fails or breaks when kept under tension

After the milling has been completed, specialized heavy equipment lays a thin coat of oil on the roadway. This is immediately followed by chopped fiber. Gravel is then placed on top of the fiber as a convenience to residents until the asphalt is applied.



Go to Perry Township's Facebook page to watch the video of how it works!

RUMPKE YARD WASTE COLLECTION & MORE

A simple reminder to all Perry Township residents. **November 17, 2017** is the last day Rumpke will collect yard waste to be recycled.

After this date, please set yard waste out with your trash each week or place it in your trash tote for collection.

The recycling of yard waste will resume on **Friday, April 6, 2018.**

Also, residents over the age of 65 are eligible for a **10%** discount on their trash bill. Please stop by the Perry Township Administrative Office to sign up. A copy of your driver's license or other form of identification will be made and forwarded to Rumpke.

Residents may also scan and email their identification to **bbeatty@perrytwp.org** or fax to **(614) 889-5071.**

LEAF COLLECTION 2017 RULES & REGULATIONS.

This year's Leaf Collection will start on **October 16th** and run through **November 30th.**

Please follow the regulations below:

- ◆ 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.**

2017 HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER INTERNSHIP RECAP



Milo Pitchford & Sydney White

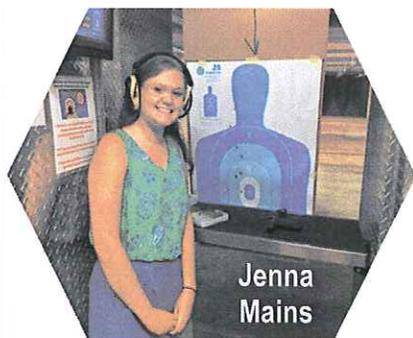
Perry Township's High School Internship Program continues to be well received. The program is open to high school students who are Perry Township residents and are entering their

Junior or Senior year in the Fall.

Typically, the township accepts only two students each year. However, the 3 applicants proved themselves to be exceptional candidates and were all chosen to participate this year.

Worthington Kilbourne students Jenna Mains, Milo Pitchford, and Sydney White provided support to the Township Administrative office and the Chief Zoning Officer over the course of 4 weeks. The students had the opportunity to ride along with police officers and the zoning inspector.

The students gained a greater understanding of the history and role of townships during a Q & A session with the Ohio Township Association's Director of Governmental Affairs - Heidi Fought. They toured the Franklin County Bureau of Criminal Investigations lab, met the County Coroner, and observed municipal court proceedings.



Jenna Mains

Jenna, Milo and Sydney also assisted Officers Howard and Mills during the annual Franklin County Cops & Kids Day. The event is to promote positive relationships between law enforcement and

the community.

Applications for the 2018 will be available in the Spring.

BUILDING A NEW PLACE? CHECK WITH THE ZONING DEPT.

Perry Township is not known for large development projects. However, 42+ acres of vacant land was annexed into Perry Township just a few months ago. And, large parcels are split occasionally which allows for new builds in residential areas.

Whether it is a large development project or a single family home, the first step is the Perry Township Zoning office to apply for a Certificate of Zoning Compliance (COZC). Before a building permit can be issued, an "individual" will be required to submit the application directly to the Chief Zoning Officer for approval. A developer is also required to submit a COZC application; however, this request will first be reviewed by the township's Architectural Review Board (ARB). The ARB will then submit its recommendation (approval or denial) to the Chief Zoning Officer for review.

In both cases, if the new build complies with all zoning codes, the Chief Zoning Officer will issue final approval. If the plans do not meet code, the applicant may be required to appear before the Perry Township Board of Zoning Appeals to request a variance.

Assuming the applicant has met all requirements and conditions, he/she can then begin the process of securing the required permits from the Franklin County Building Department.



Contact the Franklin County Board of Elections for a list of candidates, voting locations, registration, and other information:

Phone (614) 525-3100

<https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

The leaves are already turning brilliant colors, Friday Night High School footballs games are back in full swing; and, cooler temperatures are just around the corner. Everyone looks forward to the changing of the seasons. At Perry Township, we have experienced a few changes of our own.

Administrator, Robert Myers officially retired in late May of this year. Beth Beatty, a Perry Township employee for nearly 11 years, was promoted to assume his role. Her promotion left us without a full time Administrative Assistant to support Perry Township residents, the elected officials and departments heads. Mary Geiss has worked part time in the Administrative Office for well over a year and a half. We were thrilled when she accepted our offer to move into the 40-hour per week position.

As our Road crew makes the rounds during leaf season, please be sure to refrain from raking leaves onto the street. First, the leaves are hazardous to commuters and children walking to school. Secondly, during rainfall the leaves flow into the storm drain (or catch basins) which blocks the flow of water. And, pollutes the rivers and streams.

Finally, we have scheduled another Community Shred Day on **October 21st** and Drug Take Back on **October 28th**. Please turn to page 6 for more information.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

What a busy summer the Zoning Department has had! Many of you have been improving your property which keeps the neighborhood looking great and home values high. With that being said, please remember that once your project is completed you need to notify us for a final inspection by calling **614-889-1211**.

With summer coming to an end so do our outdoor activities. So, I would like to cover our RV, Boat and Trailer code. In 2008, the residents of Perry Township asked the Zoning Commission to review the RV, boat and trailer code which at that time allowed all to be stored on residential properties. It was determined that the residents did not want to see these items in their neighborhoods.

Thus, the Zoning Commission submitted its recommendation that the Board of Trustees change the code to reflect that RV's, Boats and Trailers cannot be stored on residential properties for more than 72 hours unless they are stored in an enclosed structure. So, you may ask, why do we see RV's, Boats or Trailers parked in driveways or yards year round? These residents are "grandfathered" for that specific RV, Boat or trailer. Should they purchase a different RV, Boat or Trailer then they would have to conform to the new zoning code. In conclusion, we do realize that sometimes exceptions are needed on the 72 hour code. So, please just give us a call to discuss the situation.

Finally, remember Zoning permits are required for projects such as: driveway repairs (excluding resealing), fences, patios, contractor signs and dumpsters (including Bagsters). These permits can be downloaded via **www.perrytwp.org** by clicking on the Zoning tab. Contact our office between the hours of 9AM - 12PM with questions and concerns by calling **(614) 889-1211**.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief John Petrozzi

Kids love the magic of Halloween: Trick-or-treating, classroom parties and trips to a neighborhood haunted house.

But for moms and dads, often there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety.

The Perry Township Police Department shares your concerns for our children to have a fun but safe Trick-or-Treat experience. With this in mind we are pleased to share these safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Follow These Ghoulishly Good Best Practices

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips including do's and don'ts on the trick-or-treat trail:

- ◆ A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- ◆ If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you
- ◆ Agree on a specific time when children should return home



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler



Another summer has ended and the colors of Fall can already be seen. This year's major road project went very well. We milled and paved Clubview Blvd. South from Fairway Dr. to the country club entrance. Like Clubview Blvd. North last year, we also applied a fiber mat interlayer, which will reduce reflective cracking and make the surface last years longer.

The Road Department has been busy with mowing and drainage projects all summer. As always, the next big project will be leaf collection. This year's schedule will be from October 16th to November 30th. Residents should

rake their leaves to the edge of their yard so 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. See our web page for full guidelines - www.perrytwp.org.

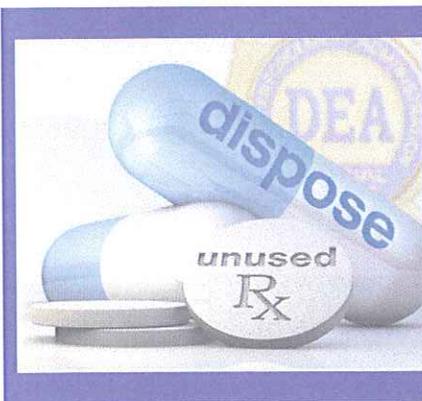
It won't be long until the snow is falling (usually before leaf season is over) and we will be plowing and salting the roads. Please park your vehicles in your driveways during these events so we can safely and effectively clear the roads of snow and ice.

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

Upcoming
EVENTS



Beggars' Night
October 31st
6PM - 8PM



SAVE THE DATE
DRUG TAKE BACK
October 28, 2017
10am - 2pm
7125 SAWMILL ROAD



BROOKSIDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD Hog Roast
Saturday, October 7, 2017
Starting at 3:30PM

Hosted by the residents of Merwin Place

FREE SHREDDING!!
One Day Event!

Perry Township

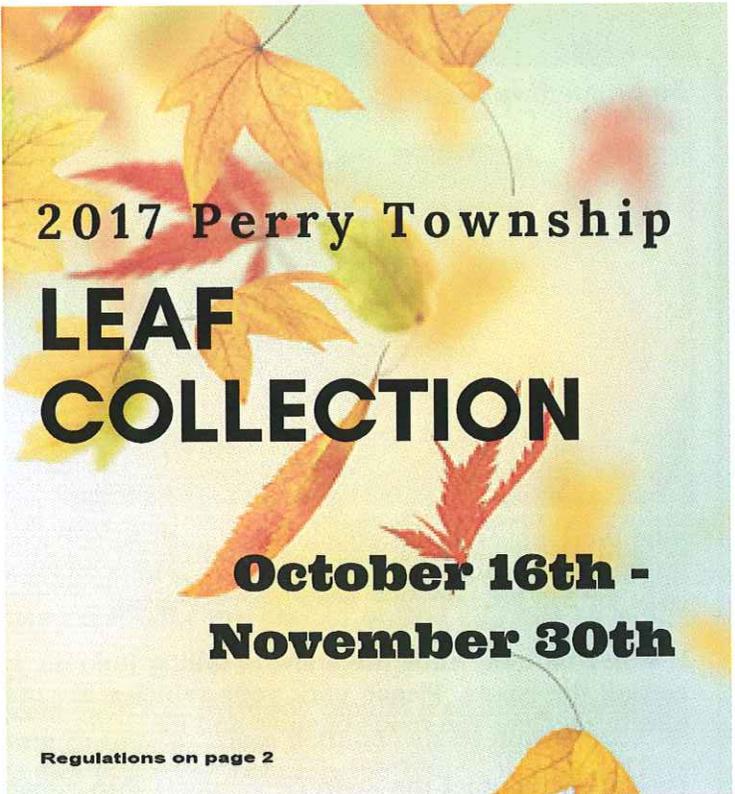
COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Saturday, October 21, 2017

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY
9:00AM - 11:00AM

WORTHINGTON HILLS ELEMENTARY
11:30AM - 1:30PM

PAPER PRODUCTS ONLY



2017 Perry Township LEAF COLLECTION
October 16th - November 30th

Regulations on page 2

2017 COMMUNITY SURVEY (Continued from page 1)

Number of individuals living in a household has also stayed very consistent. Respondents in 2017:

- ✓ 8% have 1 household member
- ✓ 41% have 2 household members
- ✓ 16% have 3 household members
- ✓ 26% have 4 household members
- ✓ 8% have 5 household members
- ✓ 1% have 6+ household members

Respondents over the last three surveys have been almost equally split between male responses (50%) and female responses (50%). In 2017, we saw a split of 45% male respondents and 55% female responses.

Below is the analysis of our township departments in 2017:

Police Department got top marks with over 96% of respondents giving a grade of A or B.

Road Department - 90% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

Fire and EMS - 83% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

Trustees - 76% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

Administration - 75% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

Zoning Department - 65% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

Overall Organization - 87% of respondents gave a grade of A or B.

We will continue to utilize surveys as one means of gauging our efforts and focusing our future plans. We appreciate our residents taking the time to respond and value the feedback you give us.

Get a flu shot. Everyone 6 months of age and older is encouraged to get vaccinated every year. Flu season in Ohio normally peaks in January or later.

Wash your hands! Scrub vigorously with soap and water for 10-15 seconds to keep them as germ-free as possible.

Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth. You can't keep all the germs off your hands all the time.

Learn more! Franklin County Public Health website <http://myfcph.org> or call (614) 525-3160.



CHIEF'S REPORT (Continued from page 5)

- ◆ Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat
- ◆ Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Safety Tips for Motorists

- ◆ NSC offers the following safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:
- ◆ Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- ◆ Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- ◆ At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Trick-or-Treating

- ◆ Instruct your children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and avoid trick-or-treating alone
- ◆ Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- ◆ Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home

Costumes

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant

- ◆ If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags to make sure they are visible
- ◆ When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- ◆ Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation
- ◆ A more complete list of Halloween Safety Tips can be found on the Perry Township Web Page under the Police tab as well as general safety tips for the fall season.



www.perrytwp.org



Administrative Offices
614.889.2669

Police House Checks
614.339.0240

Rumpke
1.800.828.8171

For Additional
Information Visit:
www.perrytwp.org

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Andrew English
TRUSTEE

James Roper
TRUSTEE

Michele Elliott
FISCAL OFFICER

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2017-2018 Service Calendar

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