



PERRY TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

4TH QUARTER, 2022

FALL LEAF COLLECTION



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Autumn has returned to Perry Township and the Road Department is ready to begin their annual fall leaf collection. **The 2022 leaf collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 17, and end on Thursday, December 1.** The Road Department asks residents to observe the following guidelines:

- Leaf piles must be no wider than 6 feet and placed at the edge of the road. Do **NOT** pile leaves in the street as it creates a safety hazard for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Do **NOT** pile leaves around mailboxes, vehicles, fire hydrants, etc. Leaves piled too close to obstructions will **NOT** be picked up.
- Do **NOT** bag your leaves.
- Piles of leaves should be free of tree limbs, vine, grass, and other debris. **Piles with excessive branches or debris will not be picked up.**
- Tree trimmings, vines, and other debris should instead be bagged and marked as yard waste for Rumpke to pickup. **Rumpke will continue to pick up yard waste until November 26.**
- Do **NOT** park vehicles in front or on top of leaf piles.

Road Superintendent Ian Warren would also like to remind residents to avoid piling leaves on or near storm sewer drains and catch basins. Leaves can clog the pipes and create the potential for street flooding. Additionally, the nutrient run-off from decomposing leaves and compost can increase the amount of pollutants entering our local waterways, exceeding the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for our local watershed, the Olentangy River Watershed.

Lastly, the Road Department wishes to remind residents that if leaves are not picked up within the scheduled time due to circumstances outside of our control, such as severe weather, that they will be picked up as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Road Superintendent Ian Warren at iwarren@perrytwp.org or (614) 889-8781.

2022 PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS



Regularly scheduled Trustee meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays when Monday is a legal holiday. **As of June 6, 2022, meetings will begin at 6:00PM.**

All regular meetings are streamed live on the official Perry Township YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UC7azlMrP1T9QZL-42Sj0r5g

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the official Perry Township website at perrytwp.org/AgendaCenter

Notices of regular meetings are sent out via the Perry Township Facebook Page along with a link to the meeting agenda. Visit our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/PerryTownshipFranklinCounty

Residents who wish to speak at public hearings and those with inquiries about public meetings should contact Township Administrator Beth Beatty at bbeatty@perrytwp.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP SHRED DAY



If you have documents with sensitive or confidential information you need to dispose of, Perry Township's Shred Day is the day to do it. **This year's Shred Day is on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in two locations.** First, Shred Day will be at Brookside Elementary from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by Worthington Hills Elementary from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The event is free for all Perry Township residents.

Perry Township staff and volunteers will be available to help you unload boxes from your cars. Please be advised that there is a five (5) box limit per car and that the boxes must contain paper only. All paper clips and binder clips must be removed.



Shred Day is provided by Allshred Services, an Ohio company headquartered in Maumee, Ohio. Allshred Services is the first paper-shredding company in Ohio to receive AAA Certification from the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID). Confidential material is never seen or touched as it is deposited into the locked and GPS-tracked service truck. All shredding takes place on-site. After the proper destruction of your materials, it is transported to Allshred's secure central facility, where it is baled, weighed, and prepared to be pulped and recycled.

If you have any questions about Shred Day, please email PIO Luke LaBuhn at llabuhn@perrytwp.org.



Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 70 Years



The fifth annual Stormwater Awareness Week is the week of October 16 through October 22. Stormwater Awareness week is a statewide effort that encourages Ohio communities to engage in educational and environmental actions and events to raise awareness of how rain water moves through infrastructure and the environment. Communities from all around Franklin County partner with the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) to raise awareness during this week.

When it rains, water runs off roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots into streets. Then, the stormwater is directed into drains and ditches and begins its journey to the nearest waterway. This is often a direct journey, with the water running straight to a river or stream. In many areas, it is discharged untreated into our streams. Stormwater picks up oil, other automobile fluids, trash, fertilizer, and other pollutants.

Even when stormwater passes through a pond or other stormwater features, such as catch basins, pollutants are not entirely removed and can still make their way to our waterways. We swim, wade, and fish in these rivers and streams. Moreover, people rely on these bodies of water for their drinking water. The vast majority of people in the Columbus metropolitan area drink water taken from our rivers and streams.

Perry Township is part of the Olentangy River Watershed. The Ohio EPA has identified total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the Olentangy River which specify the amount a pollutant needs to be reduced to in order to meet water quality standards. The primary TMDLs for the Olentangy River Watershed that Perry Township residents can help reduce are phosphorus and bacteria. Residents can help decrease the amount of these pollutants entering our waterways by reducing the amount of lawn and chemical fertilizers they use and cleaning up pet waste. Additionally, residents can assist by clearing trash, plant matter, and other debris from storm drains and catch basins so that only stormwater goes down the drain. You can also improve the natural filtration of your yard and prevent soil erosion by planting native plants in your gardens.

Interested in doing more? Visit the Stormwater Awareness website to learn more: <https://www.franklinswcd.org/stormwater-week>

Storm drains and ditches lead to streams and rivers, so anything that goes down the drain winds up in the homes of fish, frogs, turtles, birds and mammals!



YOU can keep pollution out of storm drains by:

- Picking up trash and not littering.
- Washing cars on the lawn or at the car wash instead of the driveway to keep soap out of the storm drain,
- Picking up pet waste and throwing it away so it doesn't wash into the storm drain when it rains.

Learn more by taking the stormwater quiz at:

<http://www.bethechange-forcleanwater.org/online-course>

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for clean water .org



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Get ready to get scary, Perry Township! This year's Beggars Night will be on Monday, October 31, 2022, Halloween night, from 6 to 8 PM.

Perry Township follows Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) guidelines for Beggars Night. **The date will not change in the event of inclement weather.** Parents and guardians are encouraged to exercise good judgement in allowing children to participate.

The National Safety Council (NSC) has released a variety of useful tips for the safety of trick-or-treaters. These tips can help make Halloween a safe and happy holiday for everyone:

Costume Safety

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the FDA has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips. Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.
- Opt for non-toxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision. Always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops.
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed.

Trick-Or-Treat Safety

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting plays a factor in these incidents.

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.

- Agree on a specific time children should finish trick-or-treating and return home.
- Teach your children to never enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.
- 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

The NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents, guardians, and anyone else 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 slowly and carefully.
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new and inexperienced drivers from driving on Beggars Night.

Perry Township officers will be patrolling all neighborhoods on Beggars Night. Remember, if you see anything suspicious or witness any crimes or emergencies, call 911.

On behalf of everyone at Perry Township, we hope that you have a safe and fun Beggars Night, and wish you a Happy Halloween!



Driving at Night

As we “fall back” to shorter days, remember to take extra care on the road. The National Safety Council (NSC) reminds us that when Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM on Sunday, November 6, many people will find themselves spending more time driving the dark. Depth perception, color recognition, and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark, and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver.

To combat darkness, the NSC recommends that drivers aim their headlights correctly, dim their dashboards, look away from oncoming lights, and slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time. Everyone should also minimize in-car distractions, such as cellphones.

We also would like to remind residents walking along the roads during darker hours to stick the side of the street and out of the way of traffic. We recommend pedestrians wear light colored clothing and reflective tape to improve visibility to motorists.

Perry Township Franklin County

Zoning Permit Portal

The Zoning Department would like to remind residents that final inspections are **required** for all permit applications, except dumpster and contractor sign applications. Upon completion of your project, we ask that residents or their contractors request an inspection online through the Zoning Permit Portal, or by emailing us at zoning@perrytwp.org.

To request an inspection through the Portal, go to the home page and log in. Select “Go” beneath “My Portal,” followed by “Request” beneath “My Inspections. You will then see the “Request an Inspection Form.” Choose the application you want an inspection for, select “Final” as the inspection type, and then pick your preferred date and time.

Access the Perry Township Zoning Permit Portal at this URL:

<https://twp-perry-oh.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>



The next DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be on Saturday October 29, 2022.

The Perry Township Police Department will host a collection site at our headquarters at 7125 Sawmill Rd from 10AM to 2PM. The collection site will be in the garage of building #1. Signage will be posted in the parking lot. **Please be advised that we will only be accepting pills; no liquids or needles.**

National Take back Day is part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's commitment to American's safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. A majority of people who abuse prescription medications get them from family, friends, or the medicine cabinet. Take Back Day provides a safe and anonymous way for people to turn in prescription medications before they fall into the wrong hands.

A total of 4,427 law enforcement agencies nationwide participated in the last National Take Back Day on April 30, 2022. Hosting a total of 5,144 collection sites, National Take Back Day collected 721,093 pounds (360 tons) of prescription medication. In Ohio, 266 law enforcement agencies hosted 313 collection sites and collected a total of 48,767 pounds (24 tons) of medication.

Visit the DEA's Take Back day website to find other collection sites around Ohio, resources about prescription drug abuse, and treatment information: <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday>. If you or someone you love is suffering from substance addiction, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).



PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Keep your home and property safe while you're away! We offer daily house checks for residents while you're on vacation. When you sign up for a vacation house check, our officers will regularly stop by your home to ensure that it is safe and secure.

Access the online vacation house check request form at <https://tinyurl.com/wr5wjzmk> or call 614-339-0240 to request a house check.

Here are a few tips for while you are away:

- Arrange for a trusted neighbor to do some yard upkeep, or park a car in your driveway.
- Don't forget to lock your doors *and* windows.
- Try and maintain a lived in look while you are away, such as by using timers on lights.
- Leave emergency contact numbers with someone you trust.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The Board of Trustees recently approved funding for the purchase of body worn cameras for each Perry Township Police Officer. The Watch Guard cameras will sync with the current in-cruiser cameras. In the event an officer activates the emergency button on either, both the body camera and cruiser camera will activate and start recording video and audio. It is a one-time purchase of approximately \$68,000, however we have submitted a grant request to the State of Ohio (Ohio Department of Public Safety) for reimbursement of this cost. We expect delivery of the equipment by January 1, 2023.

“The arrival of this technology in Perry Township is a win for accountability and transparency, and it's a win for officer safety,” said Chief Steve Cesaro, Perry Township Police. “The cameras will increase community safety in our township overall.”

NAPEC 2022

In late September, the Police Department had the privilege of hosting the 2022 North American Police Equestrian Council (NAPEC). Law enforcement agencies from around the United States and Canada gathered at the Franklin County Fairgrounds to compete in uniform inspections, equitation competitions, and an obstacle course. Thank you to Mounted Patrol Officers Cynthia and Robert Forsythe for organizing this incredible event.





4410 Cemetery Rd, Hilliard, OH
614-363-4159
www.hilliardfoodpantry.org

Did you know:

- ◇ The Hilliard Food Pantry serves 7 zip codes including 43016?
- ◇ Inflation is at an all time high and is impacting food, gas, and goods prices making it more difficult to make ends meet?
- ◇ The Hilliard Food Pantry provides utility assistance to families?
- ◇ We conduct benefit clinics at several locations in order to sign families up for food assistance and Medicaid?
- ◇ Over 7,000 people have benefitted from the pantry this year?
- ◇ Every \$1 donated allows us to purchase \$9 of food through the Mid-Ohio Foodbank?
- ◇ It takes over 100 volunteers weekly to operate the pantry.

Email us if you are interested in more information at
support@hilliardfoodpantry.org



The 2022 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. The Franklin County Board of Elections encourages you to register to vote if you have not already. You can register to vote, view or change your registration status and find your polling location for the election on the Franklin County Board of Elections website at the following URL:
<https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/>

Notices of election and candidates and issues are available on the Board of Elections website here:
<https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/election-info?year=2022>

Want to vote via an absentee ballot? Go to <https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/Voters/Absentee-Voting> and download the Absentee Ballot Application PDF, or call the Franklin County Board at 614-525-3470 to request an absentee ballot application.

Community Donation Centers

Goodwill Donation Center

2171 Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43085
614-320-4200
<https://goodwillcolumbus.org/>

Red Cross Carriage Place Blood Donation Center

4820 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
1-800-RED-CROSS
<https://www.redcross.org/>

Smoky Row Food Pantry

7260 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
614-889-5224
office@smokyrow.org
smokyrow.org/smoky-row-food-pantry.html

Worthington Resource Pantry

6700 Huntley Rd, Columbus, OH 43229
614-985-1766
<https://www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org>

If you have any suggestions for community resources or donation centers to feature in the newsletter, please email Luke LaBuhn at lalabuhn@perrytwp.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP E-BLAST SIGN-UP

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE:

- ◆ **POLICE & ROAD ADVISORIES**
- ◆ **CONSTRUCTION NOTICES**
- ◆ **UPDATES ON SEASONAL BRUSH CHIPPING & LEAF COLLECTION**
- ◆ **TOWNSHIP NEWS & EVENTS**

Visit our sign-up form via the QR code below or by going to <https://www.perrytwp.org/FormCenter/Service-SignUp-5/EBroadcast-SignUp-41>



You can also call us at 614-889-2669 or mail us your contact information at 7125 Sawmill Rd, Dublin OH 43016 to be signed up for email communications

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Andrew English
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James Roper
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614.889.2669

Police House Checks
614.339.0240

Rumpke
1.800.828.8171

For Additional Information Visit:
www.perrytwp.org

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

2022-2023 Service Calendar

Would you like a magnetic service calendar? Fill out our online form at <https://tinyurl.com/2f47vvbm>, email llabuhn@perrytwp with your name and address, or stop by our office at 7125 Sawmill Rd, 8:30AM—4:00PM, MON—FRI.

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