



# PERRY TOWNSHIP

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

1ST QUARTER, 2023

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## Winter Snow & Ice Removal

The Perry Township Road Department is prepared to respond to snow and ice events as quickly as possible this winter. We ask residents to follow some safety guidelines and reminders to help keep everyone safe while the crew clears the streets of snow and ice:



Road Department salt barn prepared for winter

- **Slow down.** Ice may not be clearly visible on the street. It is important to drive extra carefully when visibility is reduced.
- **Keep the road clear.** Do not park your car on the street during snow and ice events, and do not push piles of snow onto the road or in the street gutters. Our snowplows need all the room they can get to effectively clear the roads of snow and ice.
- **Be patient.** Our crew works hard to improve road conditions. Our trucks are large machines and the drivers work in weather that reduces visibility. They will drive slowly for everyone's safety.
- **Be alert.** Snowplows can turn on to or from streets with little warning. Additionally, they may need room to move across street centerlines or partially into traffic to improve road conditions.
- **Stay back.** Maintain a distance of at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and the snowplow. The snow kicked up by a plow can greatly reduce your visibility. Making space between your vehicle and the snowplow reduces the risk of an accident.

Additionally, Road Superintendent Ian Warren would like residents to refrain from pushing piles of snow into the roads. "We only put enough salt down to treat the roads after we've plowed," he says. "Any piles that are pushed into the road are not going to melt and are just going to create a hazard." Snow piles in the road can create a safety hazard for motorists and will not be melted by the salt the road department uses. Furthermore, snow piles blocking street gutters and storm drains creates the potential for flooding.

The Road Department also asks parents to prevent children from playing in the snowbanks created by the plows. Drivers have limited vision as they plow the roads and may not see children playing in the piles.

## 2023 PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS



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

All regular meetings are streamed live on the official Perry Township YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/@PerryTownshipFranklinCounty/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@PerryTownshipFranklinCounty/streams)

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the official Perry Township website at [www.perrytwp.org/agendacenter](http://www.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](https://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](mailto:bbeatty@perrytwp.org) or (614) 889-2669.

## Congratulations to Perry Township's 2022 Employee of the Year, Michael O'Donnell!



*On December 19, 2022, Perry Township's elected officials named Road Department crew member Michael O'Donnell the Perry Township Employee of the Year for 2022.*

*From left to right: Chet Chaney, Michele Elliott, Michael O'Donnell, Andy English, Jim Roper*



*The Mounted Patrol attended the annual Brookside Sleigh Ride on December 10, 2022. It was their final ride of an incredible year serving at community functions and events. They look forward to serving everyone at community events again in 2023.*

# Heating & Fire Safety



Heating is the second leading cause of US home fires and home fire injuries and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires; nearly half of all home heating fires occur during these months.

The National Fire Protection Association and US Fire Administration have prepared safety tips for a number of heating methods homeowners use:

## Space Heaters

- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip; cords and power strips are not designed to handle the energy load of a space heater.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory

## Fireplaces

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.

- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, and at least 10 feet away from your home.

## Wood Stoves

- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

## Furnaces

- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.

## Kerosene Heaters

- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your cooled heater outside.

**Do you have a smoke detector at home? If not, contact the Worthington Fire Department!**



Our friends at the Worthington Fire Department want to make sure all homeowners have a properly installed and operating smoke detector. If you cannot afford a smoke detector, Worthington Fire will provide one to you free of charge. You can contact Worthington Fire at 614-885-7640. Visit <https://www.worthington.org/430/Smoke-Detector-Care-Info> for more information.

*Please note Worthington Fire's Smoke Detector Program is only available to Township residents in Worthington Fire's jurisdiction, including Worthington Hills, Brookside, and Larkstone. Thank you.*



# PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## POLICE PROMOTIONS FOR 2023

The Perry Township Police Department is pleased to announce the promotions of three Officers to continue the department's mission and prepare for the future. Mike Conkle, Bobby Forsythe, and Julia Rice are being promoted because of their enduring commitment and service to the residents of Perry Township. These Officers truly embody the Police Department's motto "service above self."

Sgt. Mike Conkle has been named the Police Department's Operations Lieutenant. Lt. Conkle has been with the Police Department since 2009 and was promoted to sergeant in 2020. "Mike is a natural leader," says Chief of Police Steve Cesaro. "He has the respect and trust of his coworkers needed to help lead the department."

As the Operations Lieutenant, Lt. Conkle will be directly responsible for the routine day-to-day patrol operations of the Police Department. He will oversee the Department's Patrol Bureau, which includes daily cruiser patrol, special duty assignments, and bike patrol. Lt. Conkle will also oversee other units and duties in the police department as needed, such as coordinating department events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and Beggars Night.

Sgt. Bobby Forsythe has been promoted to serve as the Police Department's Administrative Lieutenant. Lt. Forsythe previously worked for Perry Township from 1988 to 1993, before serving the Columbus Police Department for 30 years. He returned to Perry Township in 2021 as a part-time Sergeant and member of the mounted patrol unit.

As the Administrative Lieutenant, Lt. Forsythe will oversee the Administrative Bureau, which includes criminal investigations, homeland security, court duties, public information, and support services. He will also oversee and manage the department's part-time Sergeants and Patrol Officers.

Officer Julia Rice was promoted to Sergeant to fill

the opening following Lt. Conkle's elevation to Operations Lieutenant. Sgt. Rice has been an officer for Perry Township since 2011. "Julia has consistently demonstrated her ability to lead while on duty" says Chief Cesaro. "I am confident that she will do an excellent job as a Shift Sergeant."

Please join us in congratulating all three Officers on their promotions and thanking them for all their hard work. These promotions will help the Police Department's mission to efficiently and effectively serve all Perry Township residents.



*From left to right: Lt. Mike Conkle, Sgt. Julia Rice, & Lt. Bobby Forsythe*



*All police department personnel who attended the promotion ceremony in support of Mike, Julia, and Bobby*



# PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT, OFFICER DOC WADE!

Officer Robert “Doc” Wade, the longest serving commissioned police officer in the history of the Perry Township Police Department, has retired. Officer Wade was hired in June of 1983 and brought his stellar 40-year career to an end officially on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



*Officer Wade at the 2022 Worthington Hills 4th of July Parade*

Officer Wade has served under eight different Chiefs of Police. He has seen Perry Township go through many changes, not only in policing, but growth in the township and the changes in technology from the time he started his career.

Doc is highly respected by his peers and remains steadfast in his commitment, dedication, and unselfish service to Perry Township’s residents and the wider Franklin County community. He was highly involved in community events, and was a staple of the 4th of July parade, Beggars Night, and the Christmas Carriage Rides. He will be greatly missed by all, especially at our community events.

Congratulations Officer Robert “Doc” Wade on your successful career and retirement. We wish you the best and thank you for all you have done for Perry Township!

## VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Keep your home and property safe while you’re away this winter! We offer daily house checks for our residents while they are on vacation. 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 both 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.

## BE ON ALERT FOR SCAMS

The Police Department has observed an increase in the number of reports of theft and fraud perpetrated via text or email. Be aware that unsolicited messages requesting or demanding money could be scammers. Examples of common scam messages include:

- Claims that you have unpaid bills;
- Messages about delayed deliveries that can be resolved with a small fee;
- Supposed errors or problems with your bank account;
- Threats of pending law enforcement action against you or your family.

To protect yourself, do not respond to suspicious messages, even if they request you text or email “STOP” to end messages. Do not click any links or provide any information. Do not call or text the number send to you, only use a company or agency’s verified contact information. If you suspect you have been the victim to a scam, please contact the Police Department immediately.

## **Be Salt Smart for Water Quality**



Road salt and deicers are necessary for public safety in the winter. However, many freshwater systems across the county are becoming contaminated with chloride. Follow these tips from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District on using salt and deicers properly this winter:

**Shovel, Scrape, Repeat.** Clear the snow and scrape or chisel away at the ice. Avoid ice buildup by shoveling early and often. Redirect downspouts away from hard surfaces.

**Don't Let the Snow Get Compacted.** Don't wait until the storm is over: Try to shovel once or twice before the snow piles up and becomes compacted. Compacted snow is heavy, slippery, and hard to separate from the pavement.

**Choose the Right Tool.** There are many kinds of snow and ice, so don't limit yourself to just one tool for removing them. Your local hardware store likely carries a variety of push shovels, scoop shovels, ice chisels, and ice scrapers.

**When to Use Salt.** If you must apply salt or deicer, do it after the storm is finished. Clear off any loose and/or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement.

**Use the Right Salt for the Right Temperatures.** Temperatures often drop after a snowstorm, so double-check the label on your salt or deicer product to make sure it will work before you apply it. Road salt (NaCl) doesn't work below 15°F. If it's a warm day and the sidewalk is wet, don't use any deicers! The sun is already doing the job for you, and throwing salt onto the ice isn't going to hurry the process, it will just send deicer down the storm drains.

**A Little Goes a Long Way.** More salt does not equal faster melting, just more pollution and wasted money. Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules.

**Too Cold for Salt? Use Sand.** Sprinkle just enough sand to provide traction on walkways when it is too cold for regular salt to work. Sweep up any excess sand after the ice melts and dispose of in the trash or reuse so that it does not get carried into storm drains. Remember, sand pollutes too. Don't bother mixing sand and salt together; sand is useless in wet, melting snow and slush. Save the sand for when it is really, really cold.

## **“No Cold Feet” Sock Donation Bin at Worthington Hills Country Club**



Help out the less fortunate members of the community by donating socks this winter! Socks are the most needed item for the homeless and underprivileged yet are the least donated. The No Cold Feet project seeks to help address this problem by organizing community drop-off locations where folks can drop off unneeded socks to donate to the needy. No Cold Feet was started by the congregation of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church and has since spread around the Columbus area to other community groups and organizations.

The Worthington Hills Country Club is serving as a No Cold Feet collection site by hosting a drop-off bin right inside the doors of the fitness center. The drop-off bin will be on site until the end of February. Please consider dropping off any extra, unneeded socks that you have at home. Socks can be new, used, paired or not; as long as they're clean, any socks are accepted!

There are also No Cold Feet bins at these other locations:

- 6500 N High St – The Worthington Fire Department; bin is in back entryway.
- 777 High St – Griswold Center, bin is located in the lobby.
- 7176 North High St – Starbucks, near FedEx.
- 820 High St – Old Worthington Library.

For further information about No Cold Feet, please call either Joy McLemore at 614-390-4250, or Lindalee Brownstein at 614-570-7342 or email [lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com](mailto:lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com).



## DOG LICENSING

Ohio law requires dogs to have a valid dog license. Many dogs are found each year wearing a valid dog license, but the address or phone number in our records is outdated. In order to aid in the return of dogs to their owners, the Auditor's office provides a found dog search feature. It is important to keep your owner information current by renewing your license, updating your owner information, or by licensing a new dog. The majority of funds from licensing go to support the Franklin County Dog Shelter.

The 2023 dog license renewal period began on December 1, 2022. To purchase or renew licenses, go to <https://doglicense.franklincountyohio.gov/>. You can typically expect to receive your license by mail within two to three weeks of the application submission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Auditor's License Section at (614) 525-3260, or [dogs@license.franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:dogs@license.franklincountyohio.gov).



## ALERT Franklin County

Emergency Notification System



ALERT Franklin County is a mass notification and warning program used by Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security to inform residents about severe weather and important emergency/disaster alerts in Franklin County. Any Franklin County resident or commuter can register for ALERT Franklin County.

Sign up for ALERT Franklin County on the official website: <https://alertfranklincounty.org/>

You can also text FCREADY to 888777 to receive emergency management alerts that do not require an account in ALERT Franklin County.

Follow FCEM&HS on social media for emergency alerts and information: <https://www.facebook.com/FCMHS> & <https://twitter.com/fcemhs?lang=en>  
Due to possible delays, do not rely on social media as your primary source of emergency information.

## 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](mailto:office@smokyrow.org)  
[smokyrow.org/smoky-row-food-pantry.html](https://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 [llabuhn@perrytwp.org](mailto:llabuhn@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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**Michele Elliott**  
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- = 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 [labuhn@perrytwp](mailto:labuhn@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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