



# PERRY TOWNSHIP

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

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## Fireworks in Perry Township

*A Reminder from the Perry Township Police Department*



In 2022, Ohio made it legal for individuals to discharge consumer fireworks on certain dates, including days and weeks around the 4th of July. The Police Department would like to remind residents that there are restrictions on where fireworks can be used, and that there are few locations in Perry Township where residents can use safely and legally fireworks.

Per the Ohio Fire Code, “the minimum separation distance from the point of discharge .... to the nearest point of any structure or building shall be at least 150 feet” (O.F.C. § 5626.5.7.2). This distance is increased to 300 feet for schools. The vast majority of properties and lots within Perry Township are not large enough to meet this requirement. The launch site would either be too close to a homeowner’s own house or their neighbors’.

The Ohio Fire Code prohibits the ignition or discharge of fireworks on public streets and rights-of-ways. The use of firecrackers or similar devices on public roadways is illegal. Residents are only allowed to discharge fireworks on private property, and with the express permission of the property owner. Anyone who discharges fireworks on another person’s property without permission can potentially be charged with criminal trespassing.

Perry Township’s local noise control regulations prohibit the making of any noise or sound, which disturbs the comfort, peace, or health of a person of ordinary sensibilities (LHR 141-13 § (B)). “We want our residents and community to enjoy the 4th of July holiday,” says Chief Steve Cesaro, “but if the use of fireworks becomes a nuisance, we encourage you to report it to the police department immediately.” Upon receiving a report, an officer will be sent to the area to speak with whomever may be improperly or repetitively setting off fireworks. Chief Cesaro advises that the police prefer to educate everyone about the rules regarding fireworks, but will take action if they are called back to the same location.

## 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.

## Board of Trustees Propose Renewal of Road Levies Without Increase

On May 15, 2023, the Perry Township Board of Trustees announced their intention to include two Road and Bridge renewal levies on the November 7, 2023, ballot for voter consideration. This action is intended to ensure that property taxes paid by home and business owners will not increase.

The first Road & Bridge levy will expire at the end of this year, December 31, 2023. If the renewal is approved by voters, the Township will receive the revenue during the 2024 year. The second levy expires on December 31, 2024. If the measure passes, tax payments collected in 2024 will be included in the Road Department's 2024 annual budget. The decision to place both levies on the 2023 ballot, rather than consecutive years, was made to eliminate confusion and streamline the voting process.

The Board elected to propose a renewal of the current levies versus combining and creating a new levy for the following reasons:

1. A renewal levy allows the taxing district to keep a current levy on the books while collecting the same amount of money as when the original levy was voted on. Therefore, upcoming property value assessments will not trigger a tax increase.
2. The State of Ohio continues to pay townships for the portion of the taxes that are either "rolled back" or exempted under the renewal option—taking a portion of the burden off taxpayers.

By law, tax revenue from the Road & Bridge levies must be used for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges. The Franklin County Auditor estimates that each proposed renewal levy will collect \$248,000 annually for a total of \$496,000 each year, over a 5-year period. The cost to a homeowner amounts to \$64.00 (\$32.00 per levy) for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value.

The auditor of State advises a best practice is to have the Board of Trustees also pass a resolution stating which services will be discontinued should the levies not be approved. This and other levy related resolutions and information can be found the Perry Township website: [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org)

Election Day is November 7, 2023, with early and absentee voting Beginning on October 11, 2023.

## **Township 2023 Resurfacing & Storm Drainage Repairs**

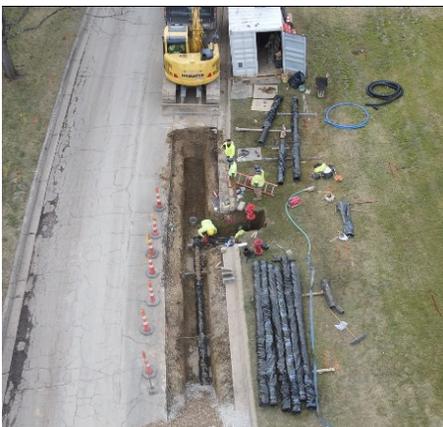


The Road Department continues to work on projects to improve our township roads and streets.

In June, Decker Construction removed and replaced 500 linear feet of curb and gutter on Circle on the Green. Strawser Paving is scheduled to begin repaving Circle on the Green and Greenside Ln in July as part of the Township 2023 Resurfacing project. They will begin with full depth repairs to the asphalt.

The Road Department is currently working around Perry Township to repair catch basins. The work will improve storm drainage on the roads throughout the Township.

### **Stay up to Date with the Latest Construction Updates**



The Road Department strives to keep Township residents informed with the latest news on construction projects in their neighborhoods. Visit our Construction Updates page on the Township website to view the latest updates: [www.perrytwp.org/2263/Construction-Updates](http://www.perrytwp.org/2263/Construction-Updates).

## **Congratulations to Police Administrative Assistant Lori Burger for 25 years with Perry Township!**



Lori has been an integral part of the Police Department since she first started working here in 1998. She welcomes and assists everyone from new officers to residents coming to the Police Department. Along with her many administrative duties, Lori is the assistant special duty coordinator for our officers. She handles the billing, scheduling, and assignment of special duty jobs. Lori also coordinates and schedules house checks for our residents. If you have ever called the Perry Township Police's department office, the friendly voice who answered was most likely Lori.

"I cannot thank Lori enough for what she does for the Police Department and Perry Township," says Chief Steve Cesaro. "Her dedication is second to none. We are truly lucky to have her here in the Police Department family."



# PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



## THEFT PREVENTION IN THE TOWNSHIP

Each year, the Police Department observes an increase in the number of thefts as summer approaches. Studies have found that property theft and household burglary tend to be higher during the summer month months. As the weather warms up, cars and homes are more likely to be targeted as residents leave windows and doors open. Thieves take this opportunities to grab any valuables they can find before making a quick getaway.

To help prevent property theft, the Police Department advises residents to:

- Always ensure your car and house doors are locked when left unattended.
- Completely close your windows and garage doors. Thieves can reach through the openings to either take what they can reach or to get inside.
- Store your valuables out of sight. Thieves are more likely to take the risk to break in if they can see valuables like a wallet or laptop.
- Never store your garage door opener in plain view. Thieves will take the change to break into your vehicle if they can gain access to your garage.

In addition to property theft, the police department has noticed an increase in identity theft in recent months. Identity theft happens when someone uses your personal or financial information without your permission. Signs of identity theft include:

- Bills for items you did not buy.
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open.
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open.
- Denials for loan applications.

If you are a victim of either property theft or identity theft, call the Police Department immediately.

## 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. 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:

- Remember 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.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF DISPATCH AGREEMENT

The Perry Township Board of Trustees renewed the police dispatch agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Perry Township officers have been dispatched by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office since 2014. They provide all radio dispatch services, 911 services, and non-emergency phone services for Perry Township. Perry Township does not do our own dispatching.

When you call 911 in an emergency or call the non-emergency line at 614-889-1231, you may be greeted by someone stating you have reached the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Rest assured that is correct and the Sheriff's Office will dispatch Perry Township officers to you.

The Sheriff's Office is currently in the process of moving and upgrading their dispatch center along with their 911 system. Perry Township residents will not see any interruptions in service during this time.



## **Backyard Flooding & Drainage Problems** *How to Mitigate Common Drainage Issues*

Central Ohio was once a big farming community with a lot of clay and hydric soils. Clay soil holds water particularly well, sometimes too well, and is slow to drain. Following a heavy rain event, the soil has a maximum amount it can hold. After it reaches the max, the water pools on top of the soil, which causes flooding.

With increased development comes increased amount of impervious surfaces (roads, parking lots, concrete, roofs). Impervious surfaces cannot soak up stormwater. The water just runs right off of it. So, with an increased amount of impervious surfaces from development, we're seeing more flooding. Plus, the amount of precipitation has increased in recent years.

Flooding can be a nuisance and even dangerous when it is severe, but in the moment, time is needed to let the water soak into the ground, sometimes even days. However, there are some things we can do to reduce and prevent future flooding.

There is no easy, immediate fix unfortunately. However, there are several ways we can try to reduce flooding:

- Install a rain garden. While rain gardens won't solve the problem of poorly draining soil, they CAN help to soak up water faster and better than regular old turfgrass or flower beds.
- Replace unused pavement or turfgrass with native plants or a rain garden. Native plants have strong, deep roots that are great at capturing and soaking in stormwater - better than non-native plants or turfgrass.
- Install vegetative buffers along streams. Don't mow all the way to the edge of a stream.
- Utilize a rain barrel. Capture some of the rainwater coming off your roof and use it to water your lawn or gardens.

## **You Can Control the Mosquito Population**

*From Franklin County Public Health*

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance. Mosquitoes require standing water for their young to hatch and develop. Once eggs are laid, a new crop of mosquitoes can hatch, grow and emerge from the water as adults in as little as one week. Eliminating potential breeding sites around your home can go a long way to reduce the mosquito population. Many mosquitoes stay very close to their juvenile habitat when they emerge as adults, and the females look for hosts to bite nearby. Eliminating mosquito habitats around your home can prevent bites, reduce your risk of disease and make your summer evenings more enjoyable. Here are a few simple suggestions that can make a big difference in controlling the mosquito population in your own back yard:

- Empty, remove, cover or turn over any container that has the potential to hold water.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of blockage and are properly draining.
- Change the water in wading pools weekly and store indoors when not in use.
- Properly dispose of old tires.
- Empty planters that hold water twice each week.
- Empty bird baths twice weekly.
- Empty your pets watering dishes daily.
- Use sand to plug holes in trees where water can collect.
- Drain or fill low areas on your property that hold water for more than three days.
- Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their property.

If you have questions, want to report a complaint or need additional information about mosquitoes, call Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614) 525-BITE (2483).

Franklin County Public Health  
280 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4562  
(614) 525-3160  
[www.myfcph.org](http://www.myfcph.org)





## 2023 Countywide Reappraisal

Ohio law requires County Auditors to update all property values county-wide every three years to reflect recent changes in the real estate value marketplace. In 2023, Franklin County's property reappraisal involves a visual exterior inspection of each property.

All county auditors in Ohio are required by state law to update the value of all properties by conducting a reappraisal every six years. This is an effort to accurately reflect property value changes in the current real estate marketplace. The Ohio Department of Taxation makes the final determination as to whether updated property values determined by the Auditor are accurate and acceptable.

Data is collection from multiple sources to establish updated property values, including:

- Recent home sales in the neighborhood—this is one of the most significant factors.
- Neighborhood data such as the infrastructure quality and proximity to community amenities and resources is another important measure used by appraisers in determining home value.
- A visual exterior inspection of the condition of the property relative to other properties in the neighborhood is conducted to determine physical characteristics such as age, condition, and recent home improvements which will also affect appraised value.

Tentative property values will be available online for review and sent to property owners in August. After reviewing all additional information, your auditor value for property tax year 2023 will be finalized in December.

For more information about the reappraisal process, visit the Franklin County Auditor's website: <https://audr-apps.franklincountyohio.gov/KnowYourHomeValue>

## Franklin County Auditor Property Value Reviews

Tentative property values will be sent to homeowners in August. If you disagree with the tentative value, homeowners have the opportunity to participate in a property value review meeting in September.

Property value review meetings offer residents the opportunity to meet with an Auditor appraisal department member to provide additional information your property that could impact the final value the Auditor office establishes. The Auditor asks that you provide supporting documentation for your filing of an alternative valuation either electronically or in hard-copy form.

Scheduling for property value reviews will open in August 2023 on the Auditor's website: <https://audr-apps.franklincountyohio.gov/KnowYourHomeValue/Home/Preparing>

## COMMUNITY BACKYARDS

Save Money. Protect Clean Water.



Learn more at [CommunityBackyards.org](https://CommunityBackyards.org)

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's Community Backyards programs offers one rebate per household per year for the purchase of an eligible, approved backyard conservation item to residents in Franklin County, Ohio. First, you must participate in the online course or attend a local workshop. After you participate and we manually verify that you are eligible you will receive a voucher with instructions on how to redeem your rebate. Participation is open annually from May to September. While participation is limited to once per year, residents can participate every single year.

Visit FSWCD's website to learn more: <https://www.communitybackyards.org>

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BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Administrative Offices

614.889.2669

Police House Checks

614.339.0240

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1.800.828.8171

For Additional Information Visit:

www.perrytwp.org

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2023-2024 Service Calendar grid showing months from July 2023 to June 2024 with color-coded service days.

Legend for service days: Yellow - Trash & Recycling Only, Red - Leaf Collection, Blue - Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste, Green - Brush Chipping

2023-2024 Service Calendar

Magnetic service calendars for 2023-2024 will be available soon. If you would like a magnetic service calendar, please fill out the online sign-up form at www.perrytwp.org/2344/Magnetic-Calendar-Form or email Luke LaBuhn at llabuhn@perrytwp.org. Calendars will be mailed to residents as soon as the Township receives them.

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 llabuhn@perrytwp.org

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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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