



PERRY TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

4TH QUARTER, 2023

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<https://www.perrytpw.org>

Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 16



The Road Department will begin their annual fall leaf collection on Monday, October 16th. Leaf collection will continue weekly until Friday, December 1st.

The Road Department asks residents to observe the following guidelines:

- **Leaf piles must be no wider than six feet** and placed in your yard at the edge of the road. Do not place leaves in the road or curb.
- **Leaves should not obstruct the roadway or any sewer drains and catch basins.**
- **All piles must be free of branches, dirt, flowers, and mulch.** Piles with excessive branches and debris will not be picked up.
- **Do not pile your leaves around trash bins, mailboxes, behind vehicles, fire hydrants, etc.** They must be six feet away from all obstructions in order for the machine to pick them up. Leaves piled too close to obstructions will not be picked up.
- **Do not bag your leaves if you want them picked up by the Road Department.**



Instead, bagged waste should be marked as yard waste for Rumpke to pick up.

- If, due to circumstances beyond our control, leaves are not picked up within the scheduled time, they will be picked up as soon as reasonably possible.

If you have any questions about fall leaf collection, please contact Road Superintendent Ian Warren at (614) 889-8171 or iwarren@perrytpw.org

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

Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the official Perry Township website at 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

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 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 & 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 levy (Issue 6) is approved by voters, the Township will begin to receive the revenue in 2024. The second levy expires on December 31, 2024. If this renewal levy (Issue 7) passes, the township will begin to receive the revenue in 2025. 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

Election Day is November 7, 2023, with early and absentee voting beginning on October 11, 2023. Visit vote.franklincountyohio.gov to see your voter registration status and polling location.

Hayden Run Rd Bridge Closure



The Franklin County Engineer is rehabilitating the Hayden Run Rd bridge over the Scioto River. This project includes resurfacing of Hayden Run Rd, light pole replacement, and lane width reductions to accommodate the addition of a shared-use path on the side of the roadway.

The project started on July 17, 2023, and is projected to finish in November 2023. For questions, please contact Dave Dibling at the Engineer's Office:

ddibling@franklincountyengineer.org

614-525-4824

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.



Perry Township Trustees Recognize Stormwater Awareness Week

On September 6, 2023, the Perry Township Board of Trustees recognized the week of October 1-7, 2023, as Stormwater Awareness Week, joining a statewide effort to encourage communities to utilize newsletters, social media posts, and educational events to raise awareness of how rain water moves through infrastructure and our environment.

When it rains, stormwater drains from our yards and streets via the ground and storm drains, and goes back into our waterways. Along the way, it can pick up pollutants such as bacteria, chemicals, and excess sediment. The Ohio EPA has named total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) which indicates how the maximum amount of a pollutant a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards. The Olentangy Watershed's main pollutants are pathogens, nutrients, and sediment. There are many ways you can help reduce the amount of pollutants entering the Olentangy River Watershed:

- **Remove leaves and trash from storm drains.**
- **Never dispose of trash down a storm drain.**
- **Bag and dispose of pet waste in the trash.** Pet waste is a major source of unhealthy bacteria!
- **Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.** The excess nutrients and chemicals can contaminate waterways.
- **Plant native plants.**

Together, we can reduce pollution and keep our waterways pristine and safe for human use. To learn more, visit Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, and find ways to get involved in community events: <https://www.franklinswcd.org/>



PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY

The Drug Enforcement Administration's 25th National Prescription Take Back Day is Saturday, October 28. Perry Township Police will host a collection site at the township offices at 7125 Sawmill Rd from 10 AM to 2 PM on October 28. The collection site will be in the garage of building #1 near the parking lot entrance. Signage with directions to the collection site will be posted. **Please be advised that Perry Police will only be accepting pills; no liquids or needles.**

National Take Back Day is part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's commitment to Americans' 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, and 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 4,497 law enforcement agencies participated in the previous Take Back day in April with a total of 4,955 collection sites. Agencies around the country collected 663,725 lbs (332 tons) of prescription medication. 313 Ohio agencies participated in April and collected 42,302 lbs (21 tons) of prescription medication.

Visit the DEA's Take Back Day website to find resources about prescription drug abuse and treatment information: 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).

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 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.

TRANSIENT VENDORS

All salespeople who canvass door-to-door in Perry Township to promote their goods and services are **required** to obtain a transient vendor permit from the Perry Township Police Department. Vendors **must** provide a valid driver's license or state-issued ID to the Police Department for each person doing business in Perry Township.



If you are approached by a door-to-door salesperson, ask if they have received a permit from the Police Department. Please report vendors operating without permits to the Perry Township Police Department by calling our non-emergency line at 614-889-1231.

A list of approved vendors with permits is available on the Perry Township website: www.perrytwp.org/2171/Permitted-Vendors

BEGGARS NIGHT IN PERRY TOWNSHIP

Get ready to get scary, Perry Township! Beggars Night is Halloween, October 31, from 6 PM to 8 PM. The date of Beggars Night will not change in the event of inclement weather. Parents and guardians are encouraged to exercise good judgement in allowing children to participate.

Perry Township Police officers will be patrolling all neighborhoods on Beggars Night. While on patrol, cruisers will have their lights in “burn mode.” The cruiser’s lights will remain steady, not flashing, as pictured to the right. This allows them to be clearly visible in the evening. The Perry



Township Mounted and Bike Patrol units will also patrol township neighborhoods on Beggars Night. If you see anything suspicious or witness any crimes, please call 911 or flag down any patrol officer you see on duty. Our officers are here to keep everyone safe on Beggars Night.

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a vehicle on Beggars Night than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility due to low lighting plays a major part in these incidents. We recommend parents and guardians follow these guidelines:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children at all times. If your older children are going, plan and review a route.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas, and stay with their friends.
- Fasten reflective tape to children’s costumes or bags or give them glow sticks to increase their visibility to motorists.
- Keep your heads up and your phones down.

- Teach your children to never enter a stranger’s home or vehicle.

Drivers need to pay special attention while on the road on Beggars Night. There are far more pedestrians than usual in low visibility conditions.

- Slow down and continue to scan the road in areas where trick-or-treaters are likely to be or where sight distances are limited. Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs
- Remain at slow speeds even in locations where pedestrians are not expected.
- Stay alert for pedestrians who may come out from between parked cars or behind shrubbery.
- Exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Do not look at your phone when you are driving. Your attention needs to always be on the road.
- Discourage new and inexperienced drivers from driving on Beggars Night.

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





Energy Choice Ohio
powered by choice.

Residential homeowners in Ohio are able to shop for energy options from a diverse group of competitive suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). As more suppliers are offering their services in your area, Energy Choice allows you the opportunity to choose the company that supplies the generation of your electricity and supplies your natural gas.

PUCO's Apples to Apples comparison allows Choice consumers to compare energy rates between different suppliers for both electricity and natural gas. The Apples to Apples chart provides a snapshot comparison of current rates, information about PUCO certified suppliers, and contract terms.

Visit energychoice.ohio.gov to use the Apples to Apples tool and learn more about Energy Choice.



2023 Franklin County Auditor Countywide Reappraisal

In August, the Franklin County Auditor mailed notice of proposed tentative property values to residents. Tentative values were also posted on the Auditor's website for review. The final values for your auditor value for property tax year 2023 will be finalized in December after the Auditor finishes reviewing all additional information. Your tentative property value can be found with this tool from the Auditor:

audr-kyhv.franklincountyohio.gov

If you feel the final value is still not accurate, you may pursue a filing with the Franklin County Board of Revision. The deadline for filing with the Board of Revision is March 31st, 2024. Visit the Board of Revision webpage to learn more: www.franklincountyauditor.com/real-estate/mediation



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: 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: www.facebook.com/FCEMHS & twitter.com/fcemhs?lang=en
Due to possible delays, do not rely on social media as your primary source of emergency information.



The 2022 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. 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: vote.franklincountyohio.gov/

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

Want to vote via an absentee ballot? Go to 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.

SMALL GOVERNMENT



BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

2023-2024 Service Calendar

If you would like a magnetic service calendar for your home or office, please fill out the online sign-up form at www.perrytwp.org/2344/Magnetic-Calendar-Form or email Luke LaBuhn at llabuhn@perrytwp.org.

COMMUNITY DONATION CENTERS

Goodwill Donation Center

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

Red Cross Carriage Place Blood Donation Center

4820 Sawmill Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
1-800-RED-CROSS
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
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

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 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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