



PERRY TOWNSHIP

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1ST QUARTER, 2024

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<https://www.perrytwp.org>

WINTER SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

The Perry Township Road Department is prepared to respond to winter weather this season. During snow and ice events, the road crew will respond as quickly as possible to clear the roads for residents.

Road Superintendent Ian Warren asks residents to follow these safety guidelines for snow and ice removal:



- **Slow down.** Drive carefully when visibility is reduced due to precipitation. It can be difficult to see pedestrians and other vehicles.
- **Keep the road clear.** Do not park your car on the street during snow and ice events. Snowplows need space to maneuver safely.
- **Do not push snow onto the street or into the curb.** The road crew only puts enough salt down to treat the roads after plowing. Any piles pushed into the road will not melt and create a hazard to vehicles.
- **Be alert.** Trucks and snowplows can turn on to or from streets with little warning. They may also move across street centerlines or partially into traffic to improve road conditions.
- **Stay back.** Maintain a distance of at least ten car lengths between your vehicle and the snowplow.
- **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. **Never attempt to overtake a snowplow.**

The Road Department also asks that parents prevent their children from playing in the snowbanks created by the snowplows. Drivers have limited vision as they plow the roads and may not see children playing in the piles. We do not want any children to be injured.

If you have any questions about winter snow and ice removal, please contact Road Superintendent Ian Warren at iwarren@perrytwp.org or 614-889-8781.

2024 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 Announce Police Levy to be included on March Ballot



On December 15th, 2023, the Perry Township Board of Trustees announced their intention to include a police levy on the March 19, 2024, ballot for voter consideration. This police levy is for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, buildings, the payment of salaries of permanent and part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel, and the payment of other equipment and related costs.

The Police Department currently receives funding from two separate levies. The first levy was passed by voters in 2008 and the second levy was approved in 2015. Once a levy is approved, the amount of money the Township receives is capped at a specified dollar amount. This means that the revenue does not increase over time except in instances of the construction of a new home or an addition to a current home.

The Franklin County Auditor has certified that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated annually by the proposed 8.51 mill levy is \$2,701,000. The annual cost to homeowners amounts to \$298.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value. For example, the value of an average home in Perry Township is \$483,000. The cost for this average home would be \$1,440 annually, or \$120 monthly.

Additional levy information will be available on the Perry Township website at the following URL: <https://www.perrytwp.org/2351/Police-Levy-2024>

Election Day is Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Absentee ballot applications for the election are now available and will be accepted through Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Visit vote.franklincountyohio.gov to see your voter registration status and polling location.

Changes to the Zoning Resolution

On December 18th, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved two amendments to the Perry Township Zoning Resolution. Amendment 159-RZ-23 revised large portions of the code, and Zoning Inspector Keith Hamilton would like residents to be aware of some of the larger changes.

Sprinkler systems and electric or invisible underground pet fences are no longer permitted within easements or public right-of-ways. In addition, any improvements or plantings located within easements or right-of-ways which must be removed or are damaged in connection with governmental or utility work will be repaired, replaced, or removed, as appropriate, at the owner's cost.

Recreational structures of a seasonal nature without a permanent foundation, such as outdoor ice rinks, are permitted, subject to the applicable development standards of the district in which the use is located.

Outdoor ovens, fireplaces, fire pits, and similar structures are permitted, but shall meet the applicable setbacks for principal structures in the underlying zoning district. These structures must also meet all applicable provisions of fire and building codes and regulations.

Not more than one portable storage unit (such as a dumpster or POD) is permitted on any property at any time. Portable storage units may not be located within five (5) feet of a public right-of-way.

Only one contractor sign is permitted per location per permit. Signs cannot be posted for longer than thirty (30) days, and no renewals or extensions will be granted. No more than one contractor sign may be posted per address per calendar year. Contractor signs may not be located in the public right-of-way. Signs may only be erected during the actual period of work, not before or after.

Amendment 160-RZ-23 added language about small solar facilities. Rooftop solar energy systems, such as solar panels, are permitted in any zoning district with an appropriate zoning permit. Integrated and ground mounted solar energy systems require conditional use permits to be used in the R-1, R-2, R-4, and R-24 residential zoning districts.

Worthington Hills Elementary Students Learn About Erosion



Last October, students at Worthington Hills Elementary learned all about erosion from Linda Pettit of the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (FSWCD). Linda provided FSWCD's Soil Erosion Simulator Program for all 4th grade students. The program identifies and explains glacial, wind, and water erosion to students.



Students simulated rainfall on different surfaces using a model. The model emulates bare soil, mulched soil, grass growing, and an impervious surface to represent driveways and parking lots. Students observed how different surfaces affect stormwater runoff.

Eroded soil in streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds alters these habitats causing a negative impact on the plants and animals that live there. Mulch, grass, and other plants filter stormwater, increase the ability of soil to absorb runoff, and reduce the potential for erosion. Paved surfaces prevent runoff from sinking into the ground and often divert that water to a storm drain, leading directly to a creek, river lake or pond. The more paved surfaces there are, the greater the potential for runoff, resulting in erosion and pollution in our local streams.

You can help reduce the impacts of erosion and runoff at your home by planting native plants and reducing the number of impervious surfaces, such as driveways, walkways, and patios.



PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF STEVE CESARO ON 25 YEARS WITH THE PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT!



Chief Cesaro joined the Police Department as a full-time officer on December 27, 1998. He served exemplarily for ten years and was promoted to Sergeant in March, 2009. He was next promoted to Lieutenant in 2011 and served in that role for ten years. The Board of Trustees elevated him to the role of Chief of Police in 2021 following the retirement of Chief Petrozzi.

“Chief Cesaro has an exceptional understanding of how to best serve the Perry Township community,” says Township Administrator Beth Beatty. “From the moment you shake his hand, his enthusiasm and commitment to his officers, residents, and business owners is undeniable.

“For the past 16 years, I’ve worked alongside Chief Cesaro,” says Lt. Conkle. “His mentorship has guided several officers within our department, and his leadership is unwavering. Whether it’s a personal matter or a professional challenge, Chief is always there, with an open door and a willingness to drop everything for his officers. I cannot envision myself working under any other police chief.”

Please join us in wishing Chief Cesaro a happy 25th anniversary! Thank you for all you’ve done for Perry Township!

POLICE CADET PROGRAM

The Perry Township Police Department has started a Police Cadet Program. We are looking for interested applicants ages 15 to 20, who are interested in a future in law enforcement. Once accepted, Cadet candidates will go through a training period before being able to participate in a ride-along with Police Officers. Cadets will be responsible for the purchase of their uniforms and equipment, but Cadets will be provided a badge, ball cap and traffic vest. Cadets will be required to ride a minimum of 16 hours per month with a certified Police Officer. Some of the training Cadets will receive include first aid and CPR, directing traffic, use of the radio system and computers, report writing, and officer safety. If you are interested, please contact Lieutenant Robert Forsythe via email at rforsythe@perrytwp.org.

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.
- Try and maintain a “lived in” look while you are away. Use timers on lights and turn the ring tone down on your phones.

HOLIDAY TRASH DISPOSAL



Winter Fire Safety Tips

Rumpke is able to collect Christmas trees as part of trash pick up for Township residents. Please remove the decorations from the tree, then cut the trunk and limbs to four feet or shorter. Tie them into bundles using string or twine.

Christmas lights should never be added to your recycling bin with everyday household items. Light strands contain several materials that recycling facilities are not equipped to receive and can get tangled in the facility's equipment.

SWACO recommends disposing of holiday lights via local seasonal recycling programs. Nearby drop-off locations are available at the Dublin Service Center at 6555 Shier-Rings Rd and the Upper Arlington Services Center at 3600 Tremont Rd.

Learn more about disposing of holiday waste at <https://recycleright.org/recycle-string-lights-and-other-holiday-e-waste/>

Be Salt Smart for Water Quality



There is no such thing as an environmentally friendly salt or deicer. All such chemicals cause damage to our bodies of water, plants, wildlife, and infrastructure, and should be used as infrequently as possible.

If you must apply salt or deicer, do it after the snowstorm is finished. Double-check the label to make sure it will work before you apply it. Rock salt does not work below 15°F. Clear off any loose or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement. If it is a warm day and the sidewalk is wet, don't use any deicers; the sun is already doing the job for you.

More Fires happen in the winter months than any other time of the year. During the cold months, folks spend more time indoors and use many different methods to heat their homes. It is important to keep fire safety in mind when you are heating your home.

If you are using a portable heater:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing, and curtains, at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room

If you are using a fireplace:

- 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 ashes in a metal container with a lid.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

When heating your home, you need to be aware of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is a colorless, odorless, and poisoning gas. Breathing CO at high levels can kill you. Put CO alarms inside your home to provide an early warning of increasing CO levels. These alarms should be placed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test your alarms every month. Have a home fire escape plan and practice your plan at least twice a year. Make sure everyone knows how to escape your home if there is a fire.

You can learn more from the National Fire Protection Association at <https://www.nfpa.org/>.



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.



DOG LICENSING

Ohio law requires dogs to have a valid dog license. This law applies regardless of whether the dog is kept primarily inside or out and regardless of breed. 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.

2024 dog licenses are on sale now through January 31st. You can purchase your dog license in person at the Franklin County Dog Shelter, at the Franklin County Auditor's Office, or online by visiting <https://doglicense.franklincountyohio.gov/>

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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