

Perry Township, Franklin County



RABBITS, CHICKENS, & DUCKS... Oh, MY!

Over the years, Perry Township's Zoning Department has received numerous phone calls from residents asking whether they can have rabbits, chickens, and ducks on their property.

Chief Zoning Officer, Robin Fellure, found that many area municipalities such as the Cities of Worthington and Columbus, do allow these fuzzy creatures on residential property within the city limits. Speakers from the Franklin County Public Health Department and Economic Development and Planning Department will be in attendance to explain the process and answer community questions. The informational meeting will be held on **January 29th at 7PM** in the Township Hall.

On Monday, **January 17, 2018** the Board of Trustees will consider the following proposed amendments in a public forum.

- ♦ Parking stall size and driveway width changes
- ♦ Location of trees to nearest property line
- ♦ Holiday decoration(s) maintenance guidelines
- ♦ Architectural Review Code

The Board of Trustee meeting will start promptly at **6:30PM** and the public is encourage to attend!



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Your elected officials for 2018 are trustees Chet Chaney, Andy English and James Roper; and, Township Fiscal Officer - Michele Elliott.

It is important to note some of the highlights of 2017. The Linworth Road/S.R. 161 preliminary engineering study was completed. The partners will return to the table this year to discuss final plans and funding options to ease the traffic congestion in the area.

Resolutions prohibiting dogs and other animals running at large; and, prohibiting the cultivation and dispensing of marijuana were both passed. After several months, a settlement related to the Korean Church's expansion plans was reached through community outreach and involvement.

January 1st now marks the beginning of a new year! Who doesn't like a fresh start? This coming year will be a time to review old contracts, establish new relationships, and work together for the betterment of our Perry Township community.



Andy English begins another year as a Perry Township Trustee after being re-elected by the voters to a 3rd term. Andy's experience as a business owner and landscape architect has proven to be invaluable. He was instrumental in reaching a consensus

between the KCC leadership and area residents. Andy led community discussions related to the church's proposed expansion and met with residents personally impacted by the expansion. He created and shared numerous visuals with the goal of finding a plan more pleasing to the eyes of Brookside residents. Along with being liaison to the Road Department he serves as Chairman of the Board.



James Roper, recently re-elected to the Board of Trustees, was sworn into office by Franklin County Prosecutor, Ron O'Brien on January 2nd.

Jim has served as Perry Township trustee since 2002.

His background as a seasoned attorney has been of great benefit to the township by protecting tax dollars during contractual negotiations and monitoring litigation costs. He is credited with the hiring of Police Chief John Petrozzi as well as the majority of officers currently protecting Perry Township residents and businesses.

In addition to serving as liaison to the Police Department and Fire, Jim will serve as Vice Chairman and township spokesperson during the upcoming year.



PROJECT LIFESAVER

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders.

The task of searching for wandering or lost individuals with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia or other cognitive conditions is a growing and serious responsibility. More importantly, because time is of the essence, every minute lost increases the risk of a tragic outcome.

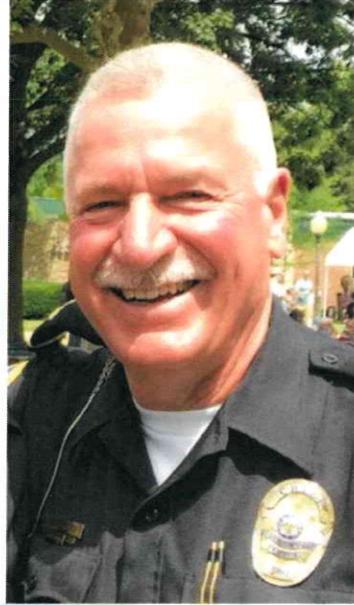
Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If a client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes - 95% less time than standard operations.

For more information contact:
Sergeant Samuel Byrd Call: 614-525-4507
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CHIEF'S CORNER

CHIEF OF POLICE

John Petrozzi



If you live in the Northeast or Midwest, you know the drill. Four to five months of heavy clothes, seeing your breath and generally freezing outside. Sometimes even elsewhere, Old Man Winter stops in for an unexpected visit. But beyond the inconvenience and discomfort, a winter storm or other severe weather conditions can cause real damage. So it's important to think

about winter preparedness.

Protecting your home is vital. A frozen water pipe can burst and flood your house or basement. An ice dam in your gutter can cause water to seep into and saturate an interior wall. And then there's your car. Making sure it's prepped to face winter's worst is just as critical. After all, what would happen if a blizzard stranded you in your car?

Prepare yourself!

Some winter weather tips to help you get through a severe stretch of cold:

Stay indoors during the storm.

Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.

Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. It's a serious workout, and going at it too hard can bring on a heart attack – a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.

Stay dry. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits the cold rapidly.

Cold-related injuries: Watch for the signs!

Frostbite:

Loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities. If any of these occur, get medical help immediately.

Hypothermia:

Uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion.

If any of the hypothermia symptoms appear, get yourself (or the victim) to a warm location, remove wet clothing, and warm the center of the body first. Give the patient warm, non-alcoholic beverages if they are conscious. And of course, get medical help as soon as possible.

Prepare your home!

- ◆ Clean out the gutters, disconnect and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- ◆ Insulate walls and attics, and caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- ◆ Repair roof leaks and remove tree branches that could get weighed down with ice or snow and fall on your house – or your neighbor's. (Avoid liability for the latter.)
- ◆ Consider an insulated blanket for your hot water heater.

Follow us on **FACEBOOK** for more tips and ideas!



During the next few months we will be busy following up on any open applications for permits from this past year. If you applied for a permit and have completed the project, please contact us for your final inspection. Contact Robin or John at **(614) 889-1211** so that we may stop by, take a picture and complete the final inspection.

Part of the proposed Zoning Code changes the Zoning Commission considered was a new code to allow chickens, ducks and rabbits in the Township. During the public hearing on December 6th, many residents expressed concerns about allowing these animals. So, the commission tabled this so that further review of tightening the code could be done. **A public informational**

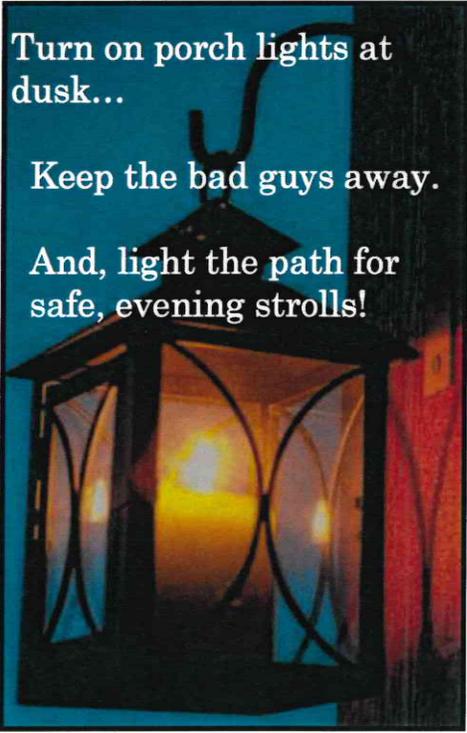
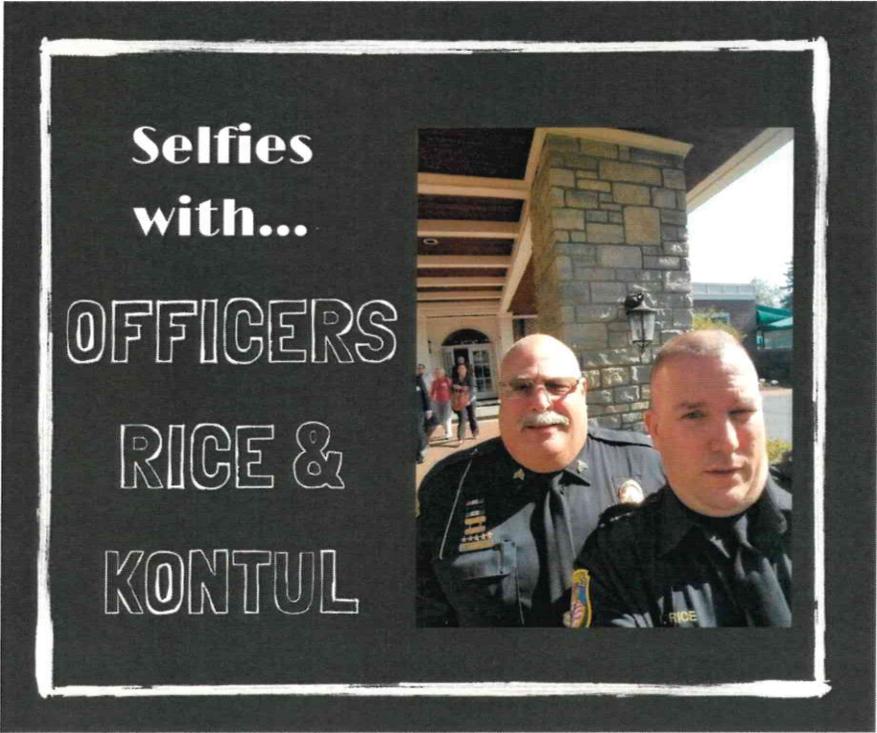
meeting will be held on January 29, 2018 at 7PM in the Township Hall. All members of the Perry Township community are encouraged to attend.

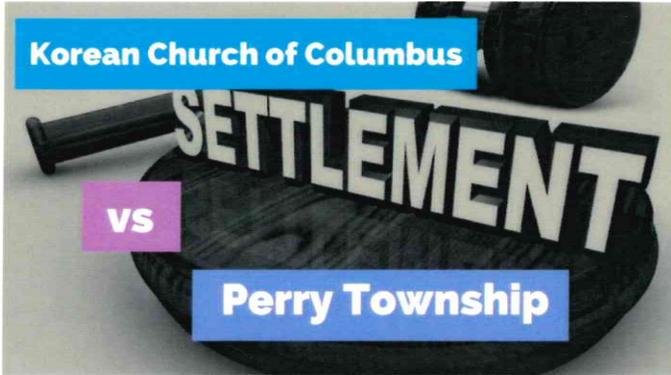
Many have thought that driveway permits are only for “**NEW**” driveways. Actually, a driveway permit is also needed if you are replacing your current “as-is” driveway too!

Did you know you need a permit for: Play Structures? Permanent Basketball Hoops? Paver Patios? Gazebos? Yes you do! Download the application at **www.perrytwp.org/formcenter**.

As always, please contact the Zoning Department to schedule an appointment for assistance with any permit application. Or, should you have a question or concern **(614) 889-1211**.

To all of the residents of Perry Township we wish you a very Happy New Year!





In 2015, Pastor Lee of the Korean Church of Columbus (KCC) advised the Board of Trustees of the church's intent to expand on the property located at the corner of McVey Boulevard and Snouffer Road. The Perry Township zoning code required that the church apply for two variances before moving forward: a) ratio of grass to impervious / concrete pavement surface; b) 3 acre rule.

After reviewing the application and hearing testimony from the Chief Zoning Officer and Brookside residents, the Board of Zoning Appeals

denied the church's variance requests. At that time, the KCC filed suit against Perry Township. The presiding judge highly encouraged the Board of Trustees and KCC to make reasonable attempts to reach an agreement outside of the judicial system. Over the next 12 months, a small group of residents, chosen by the board of the Brookside Civic Association, worked closely with the elected officials to address the concerns expressed by the community resulting in a proposal incorporating a modified design and a list of terms and conditions.

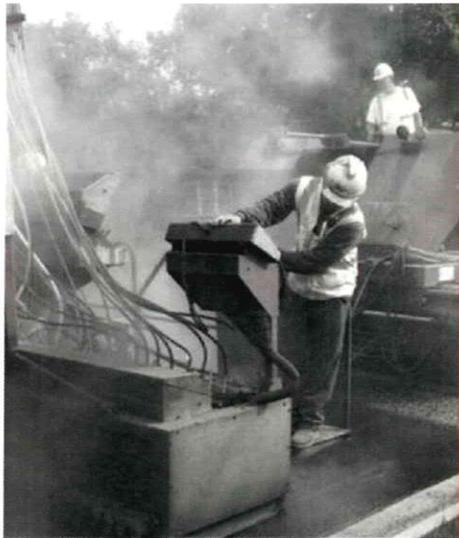
On August 29, 2017, the Board of Trustees held another special session to share the proposal. After nearly 3-hours of Q &A, the Board of Trustees opened the regular session to final questions and comments. With over 40 area residents in attendance, all but 3 of the residents indicated their support of the proposal as presented with the potential plan modification to add a second story.

During the regular meeting on September 20th, after hearing comments from those in attendance, a motion was made to accept the Proposed Settlement Agreement with Respect to the Franklin County Court of Appeals case captioned Keun Sang Lee vs Perry Township Board of Zoning Appeals, et al. The motion passed with a majority vote.

On December 12th, 2017 the court approved the agreed settlement entry and, subsequently, the KCC has dismissed the case. All information related to this matter has and will continue to be posted at <https://www.perrytwp.org/2257/Korean-Church-of-Columbus>.



The Perry Township Police Department, in conjunction with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, hosted a Drug Awareness seminar for parents on December 11th at the Worthington Hills Elementary school. The 'parents only' workshop - **Hidden In Plain Sight** - highlighted how today's youth use technology to purchase and abuse drugs. Families also learn how to recognize drugs and paraphernalia often left where you would least expect it to be. - in plain sight. The event was attended by over 30 area residents. Police Chief John Petrozzi hopes to host another event in the Spring of 2018 for residents living in and around the Brookside area. Stay tuned for updates!



ROAD DEPARTMENT

Superintendent

BRYAN SHONKWILER



Happy New Year! Another year has pass by too quickly. The major road construction was completed this year with minimal disruption. Clubview Blvd. was milled & paved with a fiber mat interlayer from Fairway Dr. to the Country Club entrance. We recently finished our leaf collection program; collecting 235 box loads of leaves. That's over 3,900 cubic yards of leaves! We were able to run all of the Township 9 times.

We are now set up and ready for snow. As a matter of fact, we have already salted the Township

twice as of the time of this writing (12/15). Our salt barn is full and the trucks are prepped. **Please remove your vehicles and other obstructions (basketball hoops, skateboard ramps, etc.) from the street during snow events, so we can safely and efficiently clear the roads.**

When weather permits, we will continue to clear the right of ways of overgrown brush and trees. Our trimming policy is to cut several feet back from the edge of the road and up to 13 feet above the pavement. We will also crack seal as much as possible. Because we have our own crack sealing machine, we can seal cracks in the winter months when the cracks are most evident. We can do this because we have a heat lance to blow the cracks clear and dry them out before applying a rubber filler with fiber. Our crack sealing program has been our most effective tool for extending the life of pavement and getting the most for taxpayer dollars.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Nate McCardle, Bryan Shonkwiler, John Canty & Ian Warren

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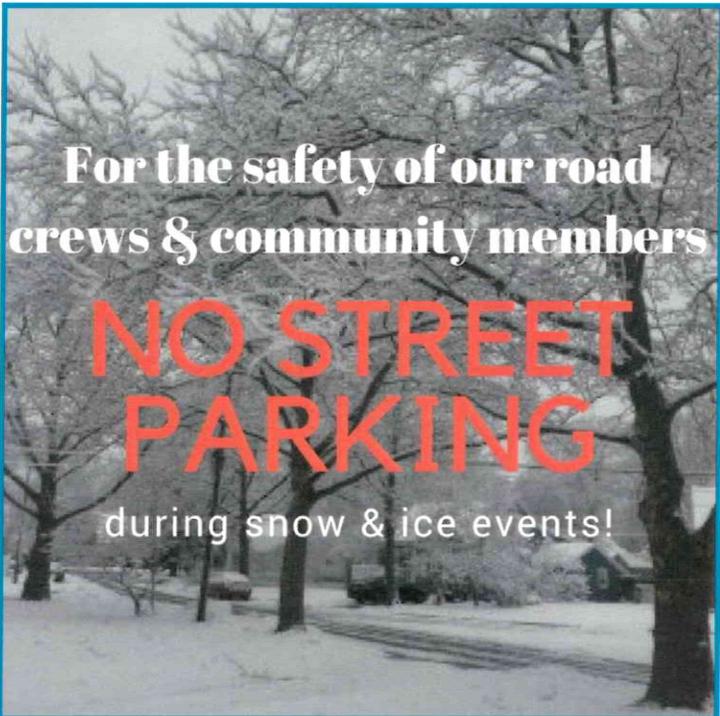
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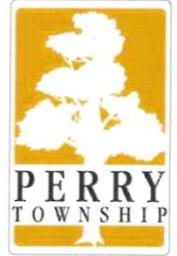
Officer Paul Grundei pictured with Chief Petrozzi to his right and Lt. Cesaro on the left was named the 2017 recipient of the S.T.A.R. award from the Franklin County Sheriff - Dallas Baldwin.

This award recognizes those who service their communities with professionalism, empathy, integrity, and a focus on service to others.

Officer Grundei will celebrate his 12th anniversary as a member of the Perry Township Police Department next month. *Congratulations, Paul!*



Township Contacts & Meeting Schedule



We are here to help!

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NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH

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POISON CONTROL

(614) 228-1323

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

(614) 339-0240

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Trustees

1st & 3rd Monday

of each month

@ 6:30PM

All other Board meetings & schedule
changes posted at www.perrytwp.org

Zoning Commission

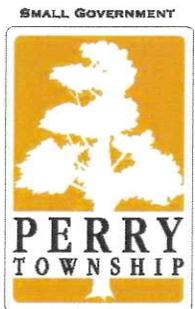
1st Wednesday

of each month @ 6:30PM

Board of Zoning Appeals

2nd Tuesday

of each month @ 6:30PM



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614.889.2669
Police House Checks
614.339.0240
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1.800.828.8171
For Additional
Information Visit:
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■ = Trash & Recycling Only (Every Friday Unless Noted)
 ■ = Leaf Collection
■ = Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste (April - November)
 ■ = Brush Chipping

2017-2018 Service Calendar