

Perry Township, Franklin County

1st Quarter 2020

THANK YOU VOTERS!



Issue No. 4 - Road & Bridge Levy - passed with an astonishing 85% of voters saying **yes** to continued funding of the Road Department! The Board of Trustees, Road Superintendent, Ian Warren, and his crew thank you for your continued support.

The trucks are now equipped and the crew is well prepared to respond to upcoming snow and ice events through the winter months.

Here's a few reminders to keep everyone safe:

- **Be patient** and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.
- **Stay back** at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and a plow.
- **Stay alert** for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- **Slow down** to a safe speed for current conditions. Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.

Snowplows make roads safer for everyone. Remember that snowplow drivers are often driving in conditions that limit their visibility. So, keep these safety tips in mind when traveling.



The expansion of social media is astounding! We use social media to communicate with friends and family. Dinner ideas and recipes are only a click away. Looking for a good movie to watch? In seconds you'll find all the options along with a list of reviews.

Social media for many folks is also a great resource for news and information. Unfortunately, it can be difficult for readers to determine whether the postings are completely accurate; or, if they provide all needed information in order to make an informed assessment of the issue.

For example, there have been recent posts shared in our community regarding incidents of cars being entered into and items being stolen. We understand and share your concerns about this activity and want to ensure you have accurate information in order to understand both the issue and what can be done to address it.

As of December 23rd, there has been **zero** break-ins (i.e. doors were locked, windows secured) this year. However, there have been 14 car entry incidents since January 1, 2019 whereby in each instance the cars that were entered were left unlocked. This is meaningfully different than a break-in. It is important to note that security camera footage has shown that in each case where the car doors were locked, the bad guy walked away. The Perry Township Police Department takes any and all illegal activity very seriously. Every effort is being made to catch the people responsible and we need your help.

These are crimes of opportunity – so be sure to lock your cars and turn on your outdoor lights after dark. Please also be sure to report if this happens to you even if you may have left your car doors open or nothing of value was taken. Also, call the police department if you have security cameras and a record of questionable activity. We appreciate our community partnering with us to address this issue.



7125 Sawmill Road
Dublin, OH 43016

SMALL GOVERNMENT

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

2019-2020 Service Calendar



By **Lisa K. Seefeld, MD**

Different times of the year come with different health challenges. While summer can mean heat-related ailments and injuries from outdoor activities, the winter season brings dangerously cold temperatures and icy conditions.

Let's take a quick look at your winter health risks and how you can reduce them:

Frostbite - This happens when parts of your body freeze. It can cause permanent body damage. How to **avoid frostbite**:

- ✓ Dress in loose layers.
- ✓ Make sure extremities such as hands, feet, ears, nose and cheeks are covered. Mittens are a better choice in the cold than gloves for keeping fingers warm.

Hypothermia - This happens when the body temperature drops below 95 degrees. A sign of hypothermia is severe shivering. If not treated, shivering can give way to drowsiness, fatigue, confusion and shallow breathing. Get the victim to a warm space and remove wet clothing. Wrap victim with blankets or towels to warm them up. Call for professional help.

Slips and falls - Think practical footwear with good traction. You can always pack your fashion footwear in a bag and take it with you. Salt, sand or kitty litter are helpful for improving the traction on icy sidewalks. Plan to wear gloves or mittens. Keeping your hands in your pockets leaves you more vulnerable to falling.

Snow shoveling - This job is more physical than you may be used to. **Warm up your muscles** before you shovel. Choose the right shovel. A short shovel for lifting snow. A long shovel for pushing snow. Pushing snow is easier than lifting it.

Carbon monoxide poisoning - December and January are peak times for this health issue. A functioning carbon monoxide detector can save lives. For your family's safety, check your detectors monthly. Replace your detector's battery in the spring and fall. Use only heaters approved and properly installed for indoor use. Don't run a vehicle in an enclosed space.

Automobile accidents — Traffic accidents are becoming more common. Ice and snow surprise lots of drivers, even later in the season. Avoid being an accident victim by checking weather before traveling, winterizing your car and your tires, setting your phone aside while you drive (no texting or surfing) and following **good winter driving tips**.

Fires in the home — Fireplaces and candles cause fires and burns every winter. One study found candles cause 25 reported home fires every day. Most of these fires happen because something combustible comes in contact with the flame. Have your fireplace professionally inspected. The inspection frequency depends on how you use your fireplace.

Zoning codes protect and enhance property values!

Zoning codes keeps nuisance uses away from residential neighborhoods or other sensitive areas. *Would you like a pig farm in your back yard?!?*



Zoning can protect recreational areas and open spaces.

Zoning Codes gives the **community** control over its land uses, appearance, and quality of life in the future.



WHAT IS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY?

Residential rental property is any residential property in which money is exchanged, meaning the dwelling unit is leased or otherwise rented to tenants solely for residential purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to, an apartment, single family home or multi-family units. The exceptions are a hotel or a college or university dormitory.

All real property parcels on which at least one residential living unit is leased or rented as described above are considered residential rental property, regardless of other improvements that are located on the parcel. For instance, a parcel improved with a street-level retail store and two second floor apartments that are leased to residential tenants is residential rental property even though the parcel may be classified as commercial for real property tax purposes.

WHO MUST FILE?

Ohio Revised Code Section (O.R.C.) 5323.02 requires an owner of residential rental property to file certain information with the county auditor in which the property is located. If the residential rental property is owned by multiple individual owners, only one of them is required to file as the contact person.



WHEN MUST INFORMATION BE FILED?

An owner must file the required information with the county auditor within 60 days following notification when the property transfers or when the property tax bill received, or after any change in the information occurs.

Failure to comply with the initial filing or updating of the information is considered a violation of the law, and each property is then subject to fines of \$150 per tax year.

For more information please contact:

Franklin County Auditor's Office
Phone: 614-525-4663
E-mail: AuditorStinziano@franklincountyohio.gov
www.franklincountyauditor.com

New Mailbox Requirements

A mailbox must be located a minimum of 6" from the face of the curb or edge of the pavement to the face of the mailbox. The mailbox must not show any of the following signs:

- Rotted wood or rusted metal or lack of sturdy and stable post and mailbox
- Loose or missing hinges, bolts, screws, or other components

Should your mailbox be damaged during a snow-fighting event, call **(614) 889-8781** to discuss repair or replacement policy and procedures.



Perry Township residents may store Recreational Vehicles, Motor Homes, Boats, Camping and utility trailers at their place of residence **IF** it is enclosed in a structure.



If stored off site, the vehicle, trailer or boat may be on your property for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours no more than 7 days a year. This gives families the opportunity to load and unload items before and after trips.

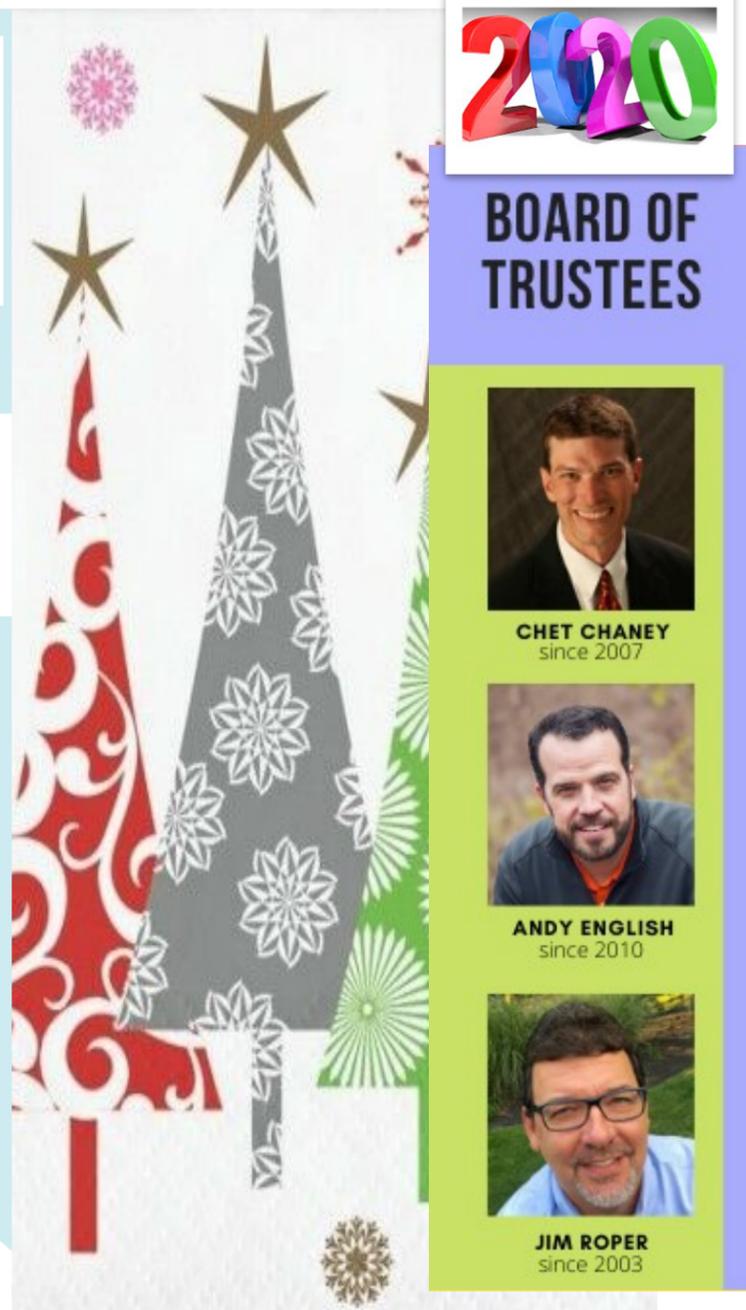


Should you ever need an extension, please call us at **(614) 889-1211**.

Perry Township Police Chaplain, Nathan Weller attended a three day International Conference of Police Chaplains. Nathan is one of 3 chaplains for the Township. They work together with the Police Department to assist personnel as they deal with the pressures and responsibilities of their profession. They also assist victims of crime and tragedy.



Township Contacts & Meeting Schedule



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NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH
 (614) 889-1231

POISON CONTROL
 (800) 222-1222

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS
 (614) 339-0240

Meeting Schedule

Board of Trustees
 1st & 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30PM

Board of Zoning Appeals
 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM (as needed)

Zoning Commission
 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30PM (as needed)

ARB
 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6:30PM (as needed)

MICHELE ELLIOTT

FISCAL OFFICER
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The Perry Township Police Department is comprised of 1 Chief, 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, and 6 fulltime officers. The Township also employs 2 part time detectives, (a very handsome K-9), 5 part time patrol officers and an Assistant to the Police Department.

Perry Township officers respond to 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls 24-hours per day, 365 days a year. As such, there are 3 shifts - morning, midday, and evening. Each shift is typically covered by 2 fulltime officers who patrol all areas of Perry Township from as far north as Worthington Hills, to the Arlington Pointe condominiums to the south. Part time officers primarily assist with shift coverage and special Township events.

Calls can run the gamut from burglaries, missing children, concerns about individuals experiencing mental health crises, traffic stops, and home alarms. Our officers also make routine visits to both elementary schools providing support to staff, mentoring young students, and ensuring safe travel to and from school. They also provide instruction in safety such as the Street Smart Program and occasionally self-defense classes at the high school level.

Perry Township officers patrol each Township street at least 3 times a day, more often if the Department is aware of an issue. **Responding to emergency calls is the Department's top priority.** While response times are impressive - 2 to 5 minutes depending on distance - an emergency call will always trump a non-emergency situation. When an officer gets a call of a suspicious person or activity, they will start their search before meeting the person who placed the call to Dispatch.

Because of the number of homes and businesses, logistically officers cannot possibly be everywhere at once and the number of officers hired is determined by the budget available. Therefore, we encourage residents to take precautionary measures such as:

-  Lock your cars, windows and garage doors without fail!
-  Do not leave valuables in your vehicles! *Bad guys search out target rich environments*
-  Turn porch lights on at dusk. *Take the element of darkness away rather than providing an environment that is conducive to stealing and hiding.*
-  Going on vacation? Request a police house check while you're away by calling (614) 339-0240. Or, visit the Police webpage: **www.perrytwp.org/2168/Police**
-  Of course as always.... **See Something, Say Something!**
-  Call **9-1-1** in an emergency and **(614) 889-1231** for non-emergencies.



The Perry Township Police Department offers free vacation house checks for Perry Township residents.

The house checks include a perimeter check, physical and/or visual check of all doors and windows, verification of vehicles left on the property, and verification of any people found on the property. A log is kept of what activity was conducted on your property while you are away.

This service helps to deter potential burglars and provides for additional security while your house is unoccupied. To start / stop a house check call **(614) 339-0240** or visit: **www.perrytwp.org** to complete an online request form.





Zoning

The winter months are a great time to start planning for spring and summer projects. Residents are often required to first obtain a permit from the Perry Township Zoning Office before construction starts.

The permitting process ensures that structures and driveways meet certain specifications to ensure that property lines are maintained, the structure is safe and the composition of materials used are durable. Property values in Perry Townships remain high in large part because of the zoning code.

As for required permits, below are a few examples:

DRIVEWAYS:

- ◆ 20 feet at street and 33 feet beyond street right of way
- ◆ 1 driveway permitted with 1 point of ingress and egress
- ◆ Must be 3 feet or more from any property line
- ◆ Side load garages shall have a turning pad of no less than 24'
- ◆ Saw cut must be done at roadway

Blacktop Driveways: Minimum of 2 inches of asphalt with a good base. **Concrete Driveways:** Minimum thickness of 6 inches at the apron and a span minimum 6 foot and maximum of a 10 foot span.

FENCES

- ◆ No chain link & Maximum height 6 ft
- ◆ Side & rear yard only

PLAY STRUCTURES

- ◆ Maximum height 14 ft
- ◆ 15 ft from side yard & 5 ft from rear yard
- ◆ Rear yard only

STORAGE SHEDS

- ◆ Maximum height 14 ft; 8 ft maximum side walls; 5 ft from side and rear yard
- ◆ Exterior materials complimentary to principal structure

www.perrytpw.org/2152/Zoning



Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano urges dog owners to be cautious when purchasing dog licenses online as no outside vendors legally sell dog licenses in Franklin County.

The site ohdog-license.com is **selling fake dog licenses** to unsuspecting dog owners. The fake site, which attempts to mimic an official website, claims to provide illegal discounts to senior citizens.

Consumers are advised that all dog licenses sold by the Franklin County Auditor's office arrive in physical form and can only be purchased online at:

doglicense.franklincountyohio.gov

"Our office is here to protect the businesses and residents of Franklin County. We will do everything we can to protect consumers from fraudulent activity," Stinziano said. Ohioans living outside of Franklin County should contact their county auditor to purchase a dog license.

Anyone with questions can call the Franklin County Auditor's office at **(614) 525-HOME**.



Wesley Frank has been a scout since 2nd grade and greatly enjoys the service aspect. Scouting is what led Wes to find the Worthington Resource Pantry and his Eagle Scout project.

Wes created a donor wall at the pantry. He painted the conference room and a large wall in the children's area. He installed a white board and Plexiglas on half of a wall. The project was completed in the summer of 2019 and Wesley was awarded his Eagle Scout honor on July 29th.

The Board of Trustees recognized Wes and his accomplishments during the December 16th Regular Board meeting.



Safe Sleep Factsheet

What is a sleep-related infant death?

A sleep-related death is the death of a baby before their first birthday during night or naptime sleep.

What are the causes of sleep-related deaths?

- **Accidental Suffocation** (for example, from a blanket or bumper pad blocking a baby's airway)
- **Overlay** (for example, if an adult or other child sleeps in bed with the baby and rolls onto the baby)
- **Unknown factors** (The ABCs of safe sleep were not followed but exact causes cannot be determined)



Why is safe sleep important?

About 15% of all infant deaths in Franklin County were sleep-related.

It is estimated that 93% of the sleep-related infant deaths in 2012-2014 were preventable.

What can you do? Practice ABCs of Safe Sleep

Never smoke around a baby!	Each One, Teach One! Spread the message about safe sleep to your family, friends, and neighbors!	Visit myfcph.org/safesleep for more flyers, factsheets, and tips for parents, grandparents, childcare providers, businesses, and community members
Support and encourage mothers to breastfeed!	Contact Franklin County Public Health for Safe Sleep trainings for your organization or even just a group of your friends and family!	Email Nicole Vestal to request materials or trainings at nvestal@franklincountyohio.gov

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