

April / May / June '09

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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
April 6th & 20th
May 4th & 18th
June 1st & 15th

**Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting**
@ 7:00 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month

**Zoning Commission
Meeting**
@ 7:00 p.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month

Check our website for
schedule changes

www.perrytwp.org

LT. PENDLETON RETIRES



Joined by family, friends, coworkers, and dignitaries, Lt. Robert Pendleton celebrates over 32 years of service to the Township.

Bob was hired in 1976 and advanced to sergeant in 1984. Recognized for his exemplary leadership skills, he was promoted to lieutenant in 1999. He received the Supervisor of the Year Award in 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008.

Bob served as second in command to Chiefs of Police Howard Champ (retired) and Robert Oppenheimer (current).

Bob's vast experience will continue to positively impact the township as he serves in a part time capacity beginning later this year.

*Spring is when you feel like
whistling even with a shoe full of
slush - Doug Larson*

**NEW
LOGO FOR
THE
TOWNSHIP**



Our thanks go out to Perry Township resident, Dave Keller, for developing our new logo.

His company, TRIAD (triad-inc.com), specialize in building company's and association's brands with an emphasis on graphics design, marketing, and magazine production.

TEAM EFFORT



Brookside Elementary volunteers have installed Phase 1 of the new playground equipment. The PTA Playground Committee raised 100% of the funds needed.

We are grateful to all the volunteers and contributors who donated their time and money to the project.

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Perry Township
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Waste Management (614) 833-9111
Road Department (614) 889-8781
Trash • Recycling • Brush Chipping
For more information please go to www.perrytwp.org

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Trash & Yard Waste Pick-Up

Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

Trash Pick-Up Only

Brush Chipping

DAVIS HISTORICAL CEMETERY

In late 2007, Perry Township officials assumed responsibility of the cemetery and established an all-volunteer cemetery advisory board led by President Nancy Riley.

The board's primary focus is on the maintenance, preservation, and improvement of the site. The advisory board works closely with Trustee



James Roper (liaison) and Road Superintendent

Shonkwiler.

Since its inception, several maintenance issues have been identified and improvements made. "We are off to a great start," says Ms. Riley. At the recommendation of the advisory board, P.O.D. Design was hired to develop a master plan which will be presented in April.

The advisory board is interested in expanding the size of the committee. Township residence is preferred, but not required. Experience and/or interest in historic preservation or grant writing is helpful.



For more information, please contact the Township's administrative office at (614)889-2669 or visit our website, www.perrytwp.org, and click on

Message from the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

All communities that have a storm drain system are required to apply for a permit from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to discharge storm water (rain runoff or snowmelt) into streams and rivers. There are 6 "minimum control measures" that Perry Township must follow in order to be in compliance and not degrade the local rivers and streams.

For two of these measures, we are dependent on you, our township residents for assistance:

- 1) Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts
- 2) Public Involvement/Participation

How can you, as a resident of Perry Township, help your township trustees and staff follow these regulations?

Get involved! Do you volunteer with a Boy or Girl Scout troop, neighborhood association, or community service organization? For your next service project, please consider a stream-side cleanup, tree planting, anti-litter or no-dumping campaign, or....

Be creative! Are you a master gardener? Maybe you can teach a class in composting so neighbors don't toss yard waste down the bank of a near-by stream.

Donate! Are you an expert baker? Hold a bake-sale with your friends at a community event and donate the profits to the township for one of these water quality service projects.

Contact Mary Ann Brouillette @ Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (614) 486-9613 or via the following website: www.franklinswcd.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

April 11th @ 10:00 a.m.
Brookside Elementary (rain or shine)

Garage Sales:

Brookside: April 25th (Saturday)
Worthington Hills: May 2nd (Saturday)

Leadership Worthington's Service Day:

May 2nd (Saturday)

Walk the Circle Event 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Dates to be posted on:
www.worthingtonhills.org

BRUSH CHIPPING BEGINS

April 27th-May 4th

To view brush chipping regulations, go to www.perrytwp.org, go to the "Road" tab, click on Brush Chipping Regulations.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Brookside

President: Tom Francis
(614) 659-9324

Worthington Hills

President: Cheryl Garrett
www.worthingtonhills.org
(614) 264-0393

ZONING REMINDER

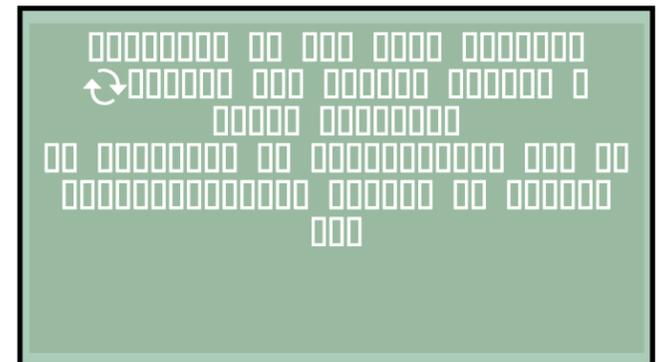
Trash containers should not be stored on driveways or be visible from township streets.

HAIL & FAREWELL

After more than 16 years of service, Officer John Thomas has stepped down as police liaison to the Worthington Hills and Brookside Civic Associations.

"We'll miss John but look forward to working with Sgt. Cesaro," says Worthington Hills president, Cheryl Garrett.

Veteran officer Sergeant Steve Cesaro recently assumed all duties of the posi-



Safety Tips Continued.....

Safety tips for walkers / joggers

Walk facing the traffic. Especially since there are no sidewalks in Perry Township, the rules of the road say you should walk against the traffic. This way, you can see the traffic coming and be aware of any potential danger coming toward you.

Beware of drivers. Do not assume that drivers know when pedestrians have the right of way. Walk with awareness and caution, assuming that no drivers see you. Be especially cautious of drive-ways—most drivers are watching for on-coming cars, not walkers.

Be aware of your surroundings. Watch for ice, water, bike riders, cracks in the pavement, or any other hazards in your path. It can be very easy to trip and fall without warning, which can be especially dangerous if you are alone.

Safety tips for drivers

Be alert: Watch for pedestrians at all times.

- Scan the road and the sides of the road ahead for potential pedestrians, especially small children.
- Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians crossing.
- Look carefully behind your vehicle before backing up. For maximum visibility, keep your windshield clean and headlights on.

Be responsible: yield to pedestrians at crossings

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked. Yield to pedestrians when making right or left turns at intersections.
- Do not block or park in crosswalks.

Be patient: drive the speed limit and avoid aggressive maneuvers

- Never pass/overtake a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
- **Obey speed limits** and come to a complete stop at STOP signs.
- Use extra caution when driving in residential areas.



Zoning Regulations Continued.....

Last quarter we asked for volunteer compliance in registering your Boat, RV and Trailers. The Zoning Department had a tremendous response to this request and we want to thank everyone who completed the form and mailed or faxed it. However, there are still some that have not registered and for those we are extending the deadline to April 15th. If nothing is received by then we will assume you have NO grandfathered RV's, Boat's or Trailer's on your property.

Finally, remember that Garage Sales do require a permit and please don't forget to contact the Zoning Department before you begin any exterior projects to verify if a zoning permit is required. For those who have applied for permits and have completed the work please remember to contact us for your final inspection.

Robin Fellure

Chief Code
Enforcement Officer

John Hewitt

Assistant Code
Enforcement Officer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our local civic associations and elementary schools are often considered to be the eyes and ears of our community. Leaders and volunteers oversee and host many of the community events residents enjoy. We thank Principal Fritz Monroe and WHCA President, Cheryl Garrett for their contributions to this newsletter.

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY

Have you heard about our school initiatives? Rumors about schoolyard learning and vegetable gardens? It's all true!

Brookside Staff, PTA, and families have adopted a Schoolyard Enhanced Learning (SYEL) model to use beginning in 2009-2010. The premise of SYEL is to take children outside more; take them out for a break in routine or take them out for specific lessons.

Teachers have selected the Monarch Butterfly Study and a study of "Cycles" as two main themes for our studies. Such cycles include plant cycles, insect cycles, life cycles, rock and water cycles, and the cycles of migrations.

Brookside now has two Butterfly Gardens on site; one at each end of the building, the East End and the West End. Please try to visit these gardens during the summer. This spring a Butterfly House will be constructed within one of our school courtyards. Visit the house throughout the summer into the end of July. Daily hours will be posted on Brookside's school front yard display and website: <http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us/schools/index.php?school=27>.

Two community vegetable gardens will also be installed this summer. The "Three Sisters Project" is planned to provide classrooms and the community

spaces within our two gardens for planting vegetables. Watch for more news on the school website and visit the blog site that will be linked to the website.

Questions? Want to sign up to volunteer? Please call the school at **883-2750** and ask for Mr. Monroe.



WORTHINGTON HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WHCA is responsible for maintaining the large entrance to Worthington Hills including the hardscape walls, lighting and plantings. In addition, we bid out contracts for lawn care and planting not only at the bottom of the hill but also the median from SR315 to the entrance to WHCC.

We are the sole source of funding for the fireworks for the Worthington Hills 4th of July activities, an expense that totals more than \$10,000. We have a dedicated board of directors that each chair a committee to promote community service events such as Leadership Worthington's Service Day, our neighborhood garage sale, and a large food drive.

We also promote community by holding fun events such as our famous 4th of July parade and activities which is managed by our superb Parade Committee. Other events such as Summerfest, the Holiday Lights Contest, Walk The Circle, and more all enhance the quality and value of our neighborhood.

We have always enjoyed a close working relationship with Perry Township officials. Activities such as our parade would not be possible without the involvement of our police officers, road department, and administrators.

Elected Official's Report

*By Trustees Chet Chaney, James Roper, Robert Myers
And Fiscal Officer Michele Elliott*

The Spring season brings with it a welcome change of weather and scenery as well as opportunities for residents and business owners to become more involved.

Our cemetery advisory board is now in the process of recruiting new members to assist with the preservation of the historic Davis Cemetery. Members of the business community have recently been invited to serve on the Board of Community Relations. This committee will work together to develop community and business related projects.

Twice each month, Board of Trustee meetings are held in the Township Hall. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission also routinely meet to address building and permit issues. This is an opportunity for members of our community to voice concerns, opinions, and participate in the decision-making process.

We encourage you to attend our public meetings and become an active member of your township government.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer's Report

By Robin Fellure

This quarter's "Spotlight on Zoning" will focus on Temporary Use Permits. These permits are required for any of the following reasons: Portable Storage Units (PODS) and Open Top Dumpsters. Please contact the Zoning Office to apply for the permit. The fee is \$10.00 and there is a limit on the amount of time the Temporary Use will be permitted. For more details you may access the Zoning Code at www.perrytp.org, click on the "Zoning Tab" and then click on "Zoning Code". The Temporary Use Section is 508, page 92.

Enclosed is a Home Occupation (HO) Application. Perry Township requires all home occupations to be registered with the Zoning Department. Perry Township has always had a Home Occupation zoning policy; however, registering them is new and there is a one time fee of \$5.00. The enclosed application has the guidelines listed or you can see the entire zoning code section 511 Home Occupations by accessing the website at www.perrytp.org, click on the "Zoning Tab" and then click on "Zoning Code". The Home Occupation Section 511 begins on page 98. We ask that you mail or fax the application (614-339-0220) to us by April 15th.

Zoning regulations continued on page 6

Chief of Police Report

By Robert Oppenheimer

With the arrival of warmer weather comes the huge increase of walkers, runners and vehicular traffic on our streets. Safety is a shared responsibility for all road users, including drivers and pedestrians. The following are some tips to improve road safety for everyone.

Safety tips for pedestrians:

Outdoor Walking Safety Tips: Walking outside is a great way to enjoy the fresh air and get a workout at the same time! Before you lace up those sneakers, here are some important safety tips you'll want to consider as you head outdoors.

Dress to be seen. If you will be outside early morning or later evening, wear light colored clothing or reflectors. A lot of workout attire has reflective materials built in, such pants or jackets with reflective strips, walking shoes with reflective material on the heel, or reflective belts (available at most sporting goods stores). All of these tips will help you be more visible to oncoming traffic.

Safety tips continued on page 6

Road Superintendent's Report

By Bryan Shonkwiler

The Winter of 2008/2009 was another busy one for snow fighters. The Road Department responded to 20 snow & ice events this season, including two significant snowfalls in January. We also have been sealing the new cracks in the streets when the weather allows.

We now look forward to the warmer days of Spring. We will continue to crack seal for a while and then begin doing other projects on the streets and storm drainage systems.

This is also the time of year for our Spring Brush Chipping. This year's dates are from April 27th to May 4th. Residents should place branches 4 feet or longer and 8 inches or less in diameter at the edge of their yard near the street. The Road Department will come by with the brush chipper and haul the debris to a recycling facility. Branches less than 4 feet long should be bundled or placed in containers for collection on yard waste days with Waste Management. Visit the Perry Township website for complete brush chipping regulations.

Enjoy the Spring season and, as always, if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.