

July / Aug / Sept '09

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**Board of Trustee  
Regular Meetings**  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
July 6th & 20th  
Aug 3rd & 17th  
Sept 7th & 21st

**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

**Board of Community Relations &  
Cemetery Board Meetings**  
Meeting schedules are listed under  
"Upcoming Events" on the homepage  
of the township's website

Check our website for  
schedule changes

[www.perrytpw.org](http://www.perrytpw.org)

**SOLID WASTE &  
RECYCLING SURVEY**

The Perry Township Board of Trustees would like to hear your comments and opinions related to the solid waste and recycling programs.

With your feedback, we can continue to improve the waste hauling services you receive.



**As we prepare to develop specifications for our new waste services contract, the level of input from our residents will determine the ultimate success of the program.**



- Robert Myers, Trustee

For those who *have not* already completed the online survey, please visit the township's website ([www.perrytpw.org](http://www.perrytpw.org)) and click on the **Solid Waste Survey** link located on our home page.

No internet? No problem! Contact Beth Beatty at **614-889-2669** to request a copy. Simply complete the survey and mail it to our administrative office.

**ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY TO EXPIRE IN '09**

The current Road and Bridge levy will expire the end of this year. The funds generated from this levy cover the costs of:

- General construction, reconstruction, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges
- Operational expenses such as road salt, fuel, concrete and asphalt
- Snow, leaf/brush removal and crack sealing

**"The continuation of the road and bridge funding is essential to maintaining the quality of services our community expects and deserves."**

- Jim Roper, Trustee

On **November 3, 2009**, voters will be asked to consider a measure that will allow for the implementation of these important road services.

Please go to our website, ([www.perrytpw.org](http://www.perrytpw.org)) and click on the **"Road"** link. for further information.

«PERRY TOWNSHIP RESIDENT»  
«5345» «BANBURY DR»  
«COLUMBUS», «OH» «43235»

Perry Township  
7125 Sawmill Road  
Dublin, OH 43016



**Waste Management (614) 833-9111**  
**Road Department (614) 889-8781**  
Trash • Recycling • Yard Waste Removal  
For more information please go to [www.perrytpw.org](http://www.perrytpw.org)

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Trash & Yard Waste Pick-Up

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Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

September 2009						
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Trash Pick-Up Only



**REMINDER:** Home business owners should complete the Home Occupation form (see insert) and forward to the Zoning Department along with a 1-time fee of \$5.00. Thank you

## IT'S TIME TO CUT THE GRASS!

To put it plainly, children should never be near-by when a lawnmower is in use!

Estimates are that 75,000 Americans are injured in lawn mower accidents each year. About 10,000 of those injuries involve children and the results can be devastating.

Here are a few facts:

- Lawnmower blades have a force three times greater than a .357 Magnum handgun
- 55% of families with children allow them to ride on riding mowers
- Boys are hurt more often than girls

Injuries occur from:

- Flying debris
- Burns
- Falling off a riding lawn mower; backing or running over a person
- Fingers / Toes, etc. getting too close to spinning blades
- Lack of eye protection

Lawnmower accidents often require surgery. Of the number of children hurt:

- **84.6%** of these children require at least one procedure
- **41%** require 2 procedures
- **10%** need 3 or more procedures.



Injuries have resulted in permanent tissue and skeletal damage. So, keep children at a safe distance from mowers at all times, and don't allow them to play on or around a mower when it is in use or in storage. Read your operator's manual to learn proper operation and safety tips.

As a rule, lawn mower operators should be at least 12+ years old before using a walk-behind mower and 16+ years old for a riding mower.

Remember, these types of injuries are often preventable; so, stay safe and have a great summer!

## BOARD OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Board of Community Relations (BCR) held its first official meeting on May 13th. The Board is comprised of local business owners, civic and school leaders; zoning commission members; and Perry Township staff.

The group has selected Andy English as Chairman and Rachel Schultz as Vice Chair. Andy and Rachel will work closely with the Perry Township Board of Trustees to establish and meet specified community goals.

The purpose of this board is to broaden community relations and business development through a variety of initiatives such as:

- expansion of the KID PRINT ID service
- develop Internet Safety program
- provided educational seminars
- economic development

Residents can find information and updated reports by going to our website and clicking on "BOARDS."

## SGT MIKE BLEAS RETIRES

On May 28th, Sergeant Michael Bleas was joined by family, friends, and coworkers to celebrate 25 years of service to the Township.



Mike was hired as a police officer in 1983 and advanced to Sergeant in 1994. By March of '09, he was promoted to the post of Support Sergeant.

He is the recipient of the Supervisor of the Year award (2001/2004), and received the Employee of the Year Award in 2008.

Mike also served as the Information Technology Sergeant for all township offices.

Sergeant Bleas' experience and knowledge will continue to benefit the Township as he serves in a part-time capacity beginning later this year.



## 4th of July Safety Tips

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (A hose or bucket).
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated shooter."
- Only persons over the age of 21 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks of illegal explosives: They can kill you! Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety invites you to celebrate our nation's heritage on the Fourth of July, but celebrate safely.

## Civic Association Leaders

### Brookside

President: Tom Francis  
(614) 659-9324

### Worthington Hills

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



## Schedule of Events

### Worthington Hills

**Thursday, July 2nd: Firecracker Trot 5K**  
Registration 6:45-7:15 p.m.; Race @ 7:30p.m.

**Friday, July 3rd: Softball Games**  
Kids @ 4:00 p.m.  
Adults @ 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 4th**  
Parade @ noon  
11:15 a.m. line up begins  
11:30 a.m. judging starts  
Fireworks @ Dusk

**Sunday, July 5th**  
Family Fun 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Elementary School)

Contact Dave or Kelly Johnson for more information @  
(614) 785-1924; Email: dkjpromo@columbus.rr.com



### Brookside (June 27th)

**10:00 a.m.**  
Wake up from Perry Twp police sirens

**10:30 a.m.**  
Flag raising by Perry Police Color Guard

**10:45 a.m.**  
Parade lineup for judging of all entries

**11:00 a.m.**  
Parade begins

**12:00 p.m.**  
Lunch / Activities for children of all ages  
(Story time, Kid-Print ID)

**1:00 p.m.**  
Presentation of Awards: Senior Scholarship  
and Parade Decorating Contest

**Note:** Hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, lemonade, iced tea & water (provided by BCA). **All participants are asked to bring a side dish.**

## DAVIS HISTORICAL CEMETERY

The Davis Historical Cemetery has long been a symbol of heroism and community sacrifice. Buried behind the simple stone wall are Revolutionary war heroes, John and Ann Simpson who served under General George Washington. The cemetery, located on Riverside Drive just south of Cranston contains approximately 50 graves, including the graves of 2 Civil War and 1 Spanish American War veterans.

In the fall of 2007, The Perry Township Board of Trustees assumed responsibility for its upkeep and established a cemetery board charged with overseeing its restoration process maintenance. Based on extensive interviews, the Board hired P.O.D. Design (Planning Urban Design Landscape Architecture) to develop a plan-of-action.

P.O.D Design recently unveiled its master plan which details the project's scope of work and associated costs. The plan includes providing electrical service, restoration of the existing stone wall, landscaping, and a parking area/walking path for visitors.

After careful review of P.O.D. Design's recommendations, the cemetery board directed by Board President, Nancy Riley determined that the development of detailed layout and grading plans for a parking lot and sidewalk would begin the next phase of the project.

Township officials and local residents have made great progress; but, there's much yet to do. It is the hope of all involved to bring a sense of dignity and honor to those who are buried in this historic resting place.



Proposed parking & path

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

Perry Township will participate once again in the Franklin County Board of Health's integrated mosquito management program.

Mosquitoes are not only irritating; but, are also carriers of the West Nile Virus. Eliminating mosquito habitats around your home can prevent bites, reduce your risk of disease and make your summer evenings more enjoyable.

Here are a few simple suggestions that can make a big difference in controlling the mosquito population in your own back yard:

- Empty, remove, cover or turn over any container that has the potential to hold water.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.



- Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of blockage and are properly draining.

- Change the water in wading pools weekly and store indoors when not in use.
- Properly dispose of old tires.
- Empty planters that hold water twice each week.
- Empty bird baths twice weekly.
- Empty your pets watering dishes daily.
- Use sand to plug holes in trees where water can collect.
- Drain or fill low areas on your property that hold water for more than three days.

To learn more, access their website, [http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/board\\_of\\_health/mosquito.htm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/board_of_health/mosquito.htm). Residents may also call the Mosquito Bite Line at **614-462-BITE** (2483). A Board of Health staff member will come to your home to find the source of mosquitoes.

## OHIO AMERICAN WATER PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

On May 7, 2009, the Ohio American Water Company applied to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to increase its rates by 24.63% for the year 2010.

This application includes a request for **preapproval** of additional rate increases for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

If approved, the total additional cost to **Worthington Hills** residents will be equal to \$35.40 per month.

The Board of Trustees has submitted a Letter of Objection to the PUCO and Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) on behalf of residents.

Go to our website ([www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org)) to view this letter and contact information for the PUCO/OCC - should you wish to voice your concerns. Click on "Links" and "Ohio American Water".

## GYPSY MOTHS... WHAT TO DO???

Gypsy moths were first introduced to the U.S. in the mid-1800s in an attempt to jump start a silkworm industry. Since then, the gypsy moth has become better known for its destructive nature.

Egg masses are typically laid on branches or the trunk of trees. The insect larva - or caterpillars- eat leaves of trees from early spring until mid-summer.



It is not until they enter the pupal stage and emerge as moths that the feedings stop.

Gypsy moths are not picky eaters and trees are vulnerable to disease and other insects after multiple attacks.

If you see a gypsy moth, don't delay! Contact a local arborist to help you determine the best way to exterminate the pest.

## DISPOSAL OF BULK PICK UP ITEMS & YARD WASTE

To ensure that your bulk items and yard waste are removed, please follow these guidelines:

### BULK ITEMS

- Limit of **1** bulk item per week
- 60 lbs or less
- Tied Bundles: 4 ft or less in length; (example: carpeting)
- Any 'White Good' containing CFC's (freon) must be tagged by a certified technician stating that freon has been removed.

If you have several bulk items or excessive construction debris for disposal, contact Waste Management @ **614-833-9111**-or **1-800-343-6047** to schedule pick up.

### YARD WASTE - Separate Collection (April 1st through October 31st)

- Place in biodegradable paper bags or trash cans clearly marked as "yard waste" or;
- Bundle brush in 4 foot lengths; less than 50 lbs (tie with string or rope)
- Place waste on the **opposite** side of the driveway from your trash container

**DO NOT** mix garbage with yard waste from April 1 - October 31

**Waste should be put out the night prior to collection day and placed within 5 feet of the curb of residence.**

Visit Waste Management's website, [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com), or call **614-833-9111** for more information.

## ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

During these difficult economic times, it has been the focus of the Perry Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer to ensure that our department directors have implemented cost efficient operation practices. We have made it clear from day one that elected officials are entrusted to manage the taxpayer's money wisely and with regards to the needs of the residents - a responsibility we carry out with great seriousness.

Governmental departments and programs will always operate on funds generated from property and other tax revenues. Funds for specified projects or operations are also raised through voted tax levies which periodically must be renewed or replaced. Such is the case of the Road and Bridge levy due to expire at the end of this year.

Over the past 4½ years, the Road and Bridge levy has paid for the milling/paving of over 59,000 square yards of streets. An additional 250,525 square yards of crack sealing was applied to preserve the roadways, and another 9,690 linear feet of curb and gutters were repaired or replaced over the same time period.

As the deadline for voting approaches, The Board of Trustees is now debating new and creative ways to maintain the road services our community has grown accustomed to, while limiting the tax burden shared by residents and business owners.

In early November, a levy will be placed on the ballot to ensure continued funding of township road maintenance, improvements, and other important services. Information and updates can be found under the 'Road' link via our website: [www.perrytwp.org](http://www.perrytwp.org).

## CHIEF ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

*By Robin Fellure, Chief Code Enforcement Officer*

This quarter's "Spotlight on Zoning" will focus on Exterior Property Maintenance.

Please remember that Perry Township does have an **Exterior Property Maintenance Code** which requires you to maintain the exterior areas of your property which include but are not limited to grass and weed control, driveways, gutters, and all painted/stained surfaces must be kept in good condition free of chips, cracks, etc.

Contractor signs are not permitted in yards unless: 1) they obtain a permit through the Zoning Department or 2) they have a Zoning Permit for the work being performed. In these two cases, the sign is allowed in the yard while the work is being performed. Once the work is completed, the sign must be removed.

Finally, remember that Garage Sales do require a permit. They are limited to two consecutive days, you can only have 2 per year, and they can't be held on consecutive weekends.

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 at **614-889-1211** for your final inspection.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

*By Chief Robert Oppenheimer*

### Police Issue Cautionary Warnings- Close Your Garage Door

With the coming of summer months, the Perry Township Police Department is urging you to close your garage door. A simple and effective way to prevent thefts and burglaries is to lock doors, windows, and close garage doors. Criminals are opportunist and look for easy targets. With an open door, you are inviting an unwelcome guest into your garage and possibly your home. Thieves drive around neighborhoods looking to see who left their garage door open and the welcome mat out.

Perry Township Police Officers have started a public awareness campaign to alert residents about the importance of keeping garages locked and closed. While on patrol, officers are actively looking for open doors, and when found, they will issue a cautionary warning in the hope of preventing you from becoming a victim in the future.

Another safety tip -- lock the door in your garage that leads into your home. Sometimes the burglars actually go into the house when someone is home. That's the crime Perry Police really want to prevent.

Join your police in preventing crime.

Keep all doors closed and locked, especially at night.



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*By Bryan Shonkwiler*

You know that summer has arrived when you see all of those orange barrels and traffic cones wherever you go - even in your neighborhood.

The Road Department has already begun our summer projects. We are replacing some of the old, faded traffic signs and will soon be installing new Township border signs welcoming everyone to our neighborhoods. We have also started making repairs to catch basins and drainage tiles and will be installing tiles in some of the roadside ditches. We have several small pavement and concrete maintenance projects planned and will continue our roadside and cemetery mowing.

The largest road construction project for the Township, this year, will be Copperfield Dr. and the northern part of Fairway Drive. Contractors will be replacing the curb & gutter and milling & paving the surface. We don't have a start date at this time, but we will let you know as soon as possible.



Now that the kids are out of school and summer break is finally here, remember to empty those wading pools. Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The Board of Health has great tips that are helpful to eliminating mosquito problems.

Here's hoping everyone has a fun and safe summer and, as always, feel free to contact me at **614-889-8781** with any questions or concerns.