

July / Aug / Sept 2010

Board of Trustees

James Roper
Chairman
Jroper@perrytwp.org

Chet Chaney
Vice Chairman
Cchaney@perrytwp.org

Andrew English
Aenglish@perrytwp.org

Fiscal Officer
Michele Elliott
Melliott@perrytwp.org

Administrator
Robert Myers
Rmyers@perrytwp.org

Police Chief
Robert Oppenheimer
(614) 889-8386

Chief Zoning Officer
Robin Fellure
(614) 889-1211

Road Superintendent
Bryan Shonkwiler
(614) 889-8781

Administrative Office
(614) 889-2669

**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
July 7th & 19th
August 2nd & 16th
September 8th & 20th

**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

**SOLID WASTE,
RECYCLING &
YARD WASTE CONTRACT**

The Perry Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer have awarded the new Solid Waste and Recycling contract to your current collector Waste Management.

After thorough review of the 5 bids submitted, Waste Management of Ohio was deemed the lowest and best responsive bidder. The new contract will begin on **July 1, 2010** for a period of three years and may be extended.

Although provisions of the contract remain the same, there are several significant service improvements included in the new contract:

- Weekly collection of your recyclables in your existing 18 gallon bins. You are entitled to an extra recycling bin free of charge. Contact Waste Management (**614-833-9111**) or the Township's Administrative office (**614-889-2669**) to request an additional bin.

- Every other week collection of yard waste from April 1st each year through November 30th. This will be an easier schedule to remember than the previous twice per month and we have extended the collection one month later in the fall.

- As a reminder, there is a 10 percent Senior Citizen discount available.**

- You will continue to use your current 96 gallon wheeled cart for trash.

**EMERALD ASH BORER
DESCENDS ON TOWNSHIP**

Submitted by Resident Glenn Karr

If the title sounds ominous, it's because the Emerald Ash Borer is probably one of the most destructive forces to reach Perry Township in years. Last year I had Emerald Ash Borer trees that weren't doing well and decided to contact a local horticulture company. The tree expert pulled off the bark and said, "Gee, you have the first infested tree that I've found up here." The borer had left its mark, a large carving in the trunk which looked like a snake. He explained that the tree had probably been infested for several years and that there were treatments available.

As he went through my back yard I learned that eight of my largest trees - some two or more feet in diameter - were at risk or infested. Three of the trees would most likely not respond to treatment and would have to be cut down. As I quickly learned, the first sign of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation is when the tree starts dying from the top. It slowly loses its leaves with the process taking between 2-5 years.

Although the cost for the first year treatment was reasonable, because of the size of my five remaining healthy ash trees, double treatments would be required during the first year. The good news was that once the treatment begins, there is a guarantee that the tree won't die as long as yearly

(Cont. page 2)



Perry Township
7125 Sawmill Road
Dublin, OH 43016

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

July 2010							August 2010							September 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Pick-Up

Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

EMERALD ASH BORER (Continued from page 1)

treatments are continued. Because I have several other trees, I decided that rather than incurring an annual treatment cost that I would have all the ash trees cut down. That's a decision that each individual homeowner has to make. It's important to note that trees smaller than 8 inch trunk diameter (and possibly some larger trees) may be treated by a basal soil drench or ground injection using imidacloprid, which is available from garden centers and is sold under a Bayer name. There are other methods that can be used and the Township is placing helpful links on its website to address treatment options.

What I learned from the tree service is that an ash tree loses its structural integrity when it dies. It becomes highly dangerous to work on and remains a danger to those on the ground. The more dangerous a tree is to work on, the more it will cost to take down, so it's better to remove trees when they are healthy or in an early infested stage. If the tree is dying you owe it to yourself, your neighbors and your children to treat or cut the trees down.

Residents should also keep in mind that Perry Township enacted a code provision requiring all dead and/or infested trees to be removed. Section 5.05 of the Exterior Property Maintenance Code states that trees afflicted with decay, disease, insect infestation or otherwise considered dangerous to other plant material shall be removed or appropriately treated. It also states that all trees shall be properly maintained without signs of neglect.

If you decide to remove your trees, be careful about the drive-by tree services which roam the neighborhoods in the summer. I found a less expensive company with excellent service that included a guarantee that the trees would be disposed of properly.



THE BLOSSOM TOUR OF THE HILLS

This summer, ten exceptional gardens in Worthington Hills will be open to the public for a Sunday afternoon. This is a must-see event for anyone with even a passing interest in horticulture and landscaping. And it's a great opportunity to show off the Hills to family and friends. Some of the gardens on the tour have been professionally landscaped, most reflect the passions of the individual gardener. Some feature perennials, others vegetables; some favor miniatures, others showcase shrubs and trees. They fit their terrain, be it flat, pitched, wooded, or open. If you've ever wondered what lies beyond your neighbor's garden gate, this is your opportunity to explore ten gardeners' dreams.

The Worthington Hills Garden Club is sponsoring the Blossom Tour of Gardens in the Hills on Sunday, July 11, 2010, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Tickets cost only \$5, with all proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity in Columbus.

Tickets, tour books and maps will be available on the day of the tour at the Garden Club table in front of the Worthington Hills Country Club. Just follow the Blossom Tour signs!



Any questions? Call **436-5626**.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE SOON

Our quarterly newsletter has been a big hit! Now residents can download a copy via the township's website. Just go to www.perrytwp.org to "opt-out" of receiving a hard copy and "opt-in" to download an electronic version.

There are several benefits to requesting an electronic copy. We distribute the township newsletter to over 1500 households at a cost of approximately \$1.05 each. Can you imagine the savings? Sharing information with your family and friends is as easy as a click of a button. And, you'll receive your newsletter the day it's released. So, sign up now!

CHIEF'S REPORT (Continued from page 5)

- Someone running down the street or through your yard with a pillowcase or a bedspread or luggage stuffed with various items;
- A slow-moving vehicle, especially without lights, following an aimless or repetitive course;
- An unfamiliar car left running and parked on your street;
- An unfamiliar car parked that you know doesn't belong;
- A stranger tampering with your neighbor's vehicle;
- Noises such as gun shots, alarms, or windows being broken;
- Someone shouting for "HELP".

Do not investigate suspicious activity yourself. Let the police do it. We have the training and the skills. Your role is to act as our eyes and ears, and then phone the police department with your information.

Follow these steps when reporting a crime to the police:

- Remain calm;
- Call 9-1-1;
- Identify yourself (name, address, and phone) and give your location;
- Describe what is happening or what you saw happen;
- If there is a suspect or vehicle, be able to provide the police dispatcher with a detailed description and the direction of travel;
- Be patient. Stay on the line until the police dispatcher's questions have been answered.

Please help us help you. Opening your eyes to your surroundings can mean closing your neighborhood to crime.

WHAT IF THERE IS A **LARGE-SCALE EVENT**? During a big emergency that affects an entire region or area, such as flooding or an earthquake, it is vitally important that you do not overload the 9-1-1 system for non-essential calls. **When should you call 911?** When there is an emergency, lives are in danger, serious injury, serious medical condition, crime in progress, or any other situation needing immediate attention.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR HIRED

Mr. Robert Myers has accepted a part-time Administrator's position with the township.

Bob will assist the Board and Fiscal Officer with a variety of support functions and will be responsible for handling assigned administrative, supervisory and personnel duties as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Bob was a member of the zoning commission board for several years and served as township trustee from 2001-2009.

2010 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS

Two local students have been chosen to participate in the 5-week Perry Township summer internship program. Connor Wilson, a resident of Worthington Hills and Rachel Main from Brookside.

Over the next several weeks, they will work closely with township staff members from each department. This educational program will give these young adults the opportunity to learn first hand about the day-to-day operations of their township's government offices.

The students will assist with administrative duties and observe police, road and zoning officers as they make their rounds throughout the township.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Brookside

President: Tom Francis
(614) 659-9324
<http://brookside-estates.uc>

Worthington Hills

President: Jim Hilz
(614) 614-854-9258
www.worthingtonhills.org

TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS WITH BOARD OF HEALTH

Perry Township has once again contracted with the Franklin County Board of Health for mosquito control in 2010. The Franklin County Board of Health uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach with a public health focus to reduce and control disease carrying mosquitoes within Perry Township.

Many tools and techniques are used throughout the mosquito season to help control the mosquito population. These include:

- Larviciding breeding sites to prevent the hatching of mosquitoes in areas of stagnant water and storm water catch basins.
- Surveillance of adult mosquito populations by the use of traps.
- Testing of adult mosquitoes for the presence of disease.
- Adulticiding (spraying) using Ultra Low Volume (ULV) truck mounted equipment to treat residential areas to reduce adult mosquito populations.
- A variety of educational materials and awareness approaches.

In addition, years of historical data about mosquito breeding locations, areas that traditionally have high adult mosquito populations, and the frequency and distribution of mosquito-borne diseases throughout Franklin County also allow us to concentrate and focus our efforts. We also rely on residents to report areas that they suspect may be mosquito breeding areas and/or when there is an increase in adult mosquito activity.

Mosquito control in Franklin County goes back at least 30 years, but since 2007 the Franklin County Board of Health began a very successful partnership with Vector Disease Control, Inc. (VDCI). This company specializes solely in providing mosquito control services. They provide an exceptional level of service and expertise. This unique partnership between a public health agency and private industry has allowed mosquito control in Franklin County to excel and become a model program within the state of Ohio.

MOSQUITOES DID YOU KNOW?

A single water-filled bucket can produce hundreds of biting mosquitoes.

Most disease causing mosquitoes spend their entire lives within 300 feet of their container-breeding site.

While the adult mosquito's life expectancy is not usually more than a few weeks, the female may lay several batches of eggs each containing several hundred eggs during its life.

What can you do? Take a few minutes to go outside and look around your yard. Anything (and we do mean anything) which holds water could be a potential breeding site for mosquitoes. Dump those containers; turn them upside down; or put them inside your garage or basement. It is such a simple, but very effective way, to protect your family from mosquito-borne diseases like encephalitis and West Nile virus.

If you have questions or need additional information on mosquitoes or mosquito prevention, call the Franklin County Board of Health's Mosquito Bite Line at **(614) 462-BITE (2483)** or visit www.franklincountyohio.gov/health.



Garage Sale Permits are available through the Zoning Office @ 614-889-1211



TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ARREST THIEVES

On Tuesday May 18, 2010, Officer John Thomas observed a white Chevrolet pickup truck pulling a black landscape trailer traveling southbound on Riverside Dr. in the area of Fishinger Rd. The trailer did not appear to have functioning brake lights and a traffic stop was initiated.

The driver, Darrel Evans, provided his license, registration and proof of insurance. The Officer determined that the driver did not have current driving privileges and was under a Non Compliance Suspension. Mr. Evans also had a warrant through the City of Columbus and a cruiser was dispatched to take custody of the subject.

Neither Mr. Evans or the passenger, Richard Saxton, could identify who had given them permission to use the trailer. Sergeant Edward Kontul was later advised that the subjects had stolen the trailer from Galloway Landscaping.

Darrell Evans was charged with Breaking & Entering and Theft. Richard Saxon was also charged with Breaking & Entering and Felony Theft. Both were transported to the Franklin County Jail.

DAVIS CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

The Davis Cemetery Advisory Board has grown over the past few months. During the June meeting, the group appointed John O'Keeffe as Chairperson.

Current members are:

- Richard Horn
- Sean Zink
- John O'Keeffe
- Barbara Miller

Trustee, Andy English and Superintendent Shonkwiler have worked closely with the group in a effort to develop a safe parking area and walkway to the cemetery. The Board of Trustees approved the necessary expenditures and work is expected to begin later this year.

Go to our website and click on the "Links" tab to learn more about this historical resting place.

BROOKSIDE CIVIC: GET CONNECTED

The Brookside Civic Association is always growing and looking for ways to notify its membership of important news and events. As with our township offices, the local Civic has created a database of email addresses so that they can get information to residents even faster.

Each year, the Civic Association hosts wonderful community events such as an annual Hog Roast, Easter Egg hunt, and 4th of July activities. Don't miss out! If you would like to receive community related information from the Brookside Civic Association and be included in next year's directory, forward the following contact information to Tom Francis by calling **614-659-9324** or via email at francisjr.t@rpamail.com

First, last name
Home address
Phone number(s)
Email address(s)

4TH OF JULY COMMUNITY EVENTS

BROOKSIDE

- Parade will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch is to be served @ 12:00 p.m. and will be held on the school grounds

WORTHINGTON HILLS

- Firecracker Trot: Friday, July 2, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. (Country Club)
- Community softball games: Saturday, July 3, 2010 @ 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. @ Worthington Hills Elementary
- Parade will be held on Sunday, July 4, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m.
- Fireworks: Sunday, July 4, 2010 @ dusk (Country Club)
- Family Fun Night: Monday, July 5, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. @ Worthington Hills Elementary



ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

*By Trustees Chet Chaney, James Roper, Andy English
And Fiscal Officer Michele Elliott*

We are excited to announce the start of a high school internship program. We were fortunate to have received several applications from well qualified students. After careful review, two applicants were selected to work with our department heads over the course of the next 5 weeks.

The County has provided estimates for the annual road maintenance and construction. The amounts have been approved by the Board and a schedule will be released within the next few weeks.

Our township office has been producing this quarterly newsletter for over a year. Residents will soon have the option of "opting out" of receiving a hardcopy and will have the opportunity to sign up to download an electronic version. A sign up will be available on the home page of our website soon.

For those of you who haven't already taken advantage of signing up for the Township's E-Broadcasts, please go to our website's home page and register. Throughout the year, we release important weather and traffic information and are able to notify residents of special events and news that effects our community. All this can be sent directly to your email account.

The plans to develop a safe parking area and walkway leading to the Davis Cemetery are moving forward. Work should be completed by the fall.

As always, we invite our township residents and local business owners to attend the semi-monthly meetings held at the township hall each month. Schedule information is available on the front of this newsletter and on our website.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICE'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

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. Then 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.

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 contact us to schedule your final inspection.

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

Finally, we recommend that you contact our office to set up an appointment if you wish to meet with us.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

If you have just seen or experienced a crime, or one is in progress, call **9-1-1** immediately. If the crime happened a while ago and there is no direct danger to you or another person, please call the police non-emergency line at: **(614) 889-1231**.

IS A CRIME EVER **TOO SMALL TO REPORT?** **The answer is no!**

Reasons for reporting crime is very important for three reasons:

- It helps investigators do their job, because more trends can be discovered.
- It gives a far more accurate picture of true crime in the township.
- It shows criminals that crime is not tolerated in this community.

If you were a victim of any crime; even if it was small and happened a few weeks ago, we encourage you to report it. Use the non-emergency number for crimes that are no longer in progress.

WHAT IF I SEE ACTIVITY THAT SEEMS SUSPICIOUS OR OUT OF PLACE?

There are many types of activity that can be recognized as suspicious. Here is a list of suspicious activities that should be reported to the police. (This list is by no means complete.)

- Someone entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied;
- Someone who knocks on your neighbor's front door, and when no one answers, walks to the rear of the residence

Cont. on page 7

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Summer is here again and road construction is in full swing. Please be safe and patient while driving in construction areas. The major projects, for our area, are on SR 315 between Goodale and North Broadway and also at the Olentangy/Hard Rd. interchange. You can see updates to the projects at www.buckeyetraffic.org/sr315.

The roadwork planned for the Township this year is to complete the Fairway Dr. curb and gutter replacement project. We are waiting for the County Engineer's estimate and Township Trustee's approval. When we have more information, we will pass it along. Meanwhile, the Road Department will be doing catch basin repairs, ditch and tile repairs and other projects.

While doing the annual inspection of the catch basins the past couple of years, I have found a higher than normal volume of debris in our storm water system. Heavy debris in the storm water system causes two major problems. First, it can cause blockage of tiles, which can cause localized flooding and excessive erosion during heavy rains. Also, all of our catch basins and roadside ditches carry storm water that eventually ends up in our streams and rivers. I could really use your help in this matter. Please refrain from putting grass clippings, leaves, branches, etc. in the gutters and roadside ditches. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Have a great summer and, as always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.