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**Board of Trustee
Regular Meetings**
@ 7:00 p.m.
October 4th & 18th
November 1st & 15th
December 6th & 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



Perry Township
7125 Sawmill Road
Dublin, OH 43016

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

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Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Pick up

Trash & Recycling Pick up

Leaf Collection
October 18th - December 1st

**TOWNSHIP HOSTS
2010 OPEN HOUSE**

The annual **2010 Open House** is scheduled to be held on Monday, **October 4th**. The event will begin at **5:00 p.m.** and run through **7:00 p.m.**

Residents and local business owners are invited to tour each facility throughout the evening. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Special activities/booths include:

- Flu shots (Bldg 2)
- Waste Management (Bldg 1)
- Worthington Fire Dept.(Bldg 3)
- Finger printing (Bldg 3)
- Kid ID (Bldg 3)
- Franklin Soil & Water (Bldg 1)
- Shred-It (Bldg 2)
- Daughters of the American Revolution (Bldg 1)

Dispose of your documents! Shred-It will be onsite from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This service is available to township residents only.

Seasonal flu shots will be offered at a cost of \$22.00 per person (cash or check only). Kid-ID cards will be available at the Police Department. The cards are free to township residents.

Your Elected Officials, Administrator, Chief of Police, Zoning Officer, Road Superintendent, and staff will be on site to answer any questions you might have.

The Regular Session of the Board of Trustees begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. We invite and encourage visitors to attend.

**HENDERSON HEIGHT'S
RESIDENTS MEET**

Vice Chairman Chaney, Administrator Robert Myers and Zoning Officers Robin Fellure and John Hewitt met with residents of the Henderson Height's section of Perry Township to discuss zoning issues unique to their area.

The Zoning Officers outlined current zoning codes and standards; permit and variance processes; and also highlighted common exterior maintenance issues. Zoning Officer Fellure explained the appeal process as well.

Helen Ware, a member of the Henderson Heights community, proposed the establishment of a civic association. A block party will be held in mid-October to determine the level of interest of neighbors. Residents are invited to attend.

October 17, 2010 (Sunday)
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Woodview Place

? Email Helen Ware:
helenware4@sbcglobal.net



CABLE TV RESPONSIBILITIES & CONSUMER HOTLINE

The Department of Commerce has established a consumer hotline to assist cable television consumers who are unable to resolve issues with their cable television provider.

Since September 2007, the Department of Commerce has received more than 5,000 consumer complaints concerning billing disputes, poor picture quality, equipment malfunctions, and cancelled or missed service appointments. The Department will investigate these types of complaints, forward them to the respective cable companies, and request that they resolve the issue directly with the consumer. The Department then will follow up to ensure that the complainant has been contacted by the company and the issue has been addressed.

Authorized cable television providers are required under Chapter 1332 of Ohio's Video Service Authorization law to:

- ◆ Restore cable service within 72 hours after the customer reports the problem unless the problem was caused by a natural disaster.
- ◆ Credit the customer's account for a service interruption (depending on the cause and duration).
- ◆ Provide 30 days advance written notice before removing a channel.
- ◆ Provide 30 days advance written notice prior to a rate increase.
- ◆ Provide 10 days advance written notice before disconnecting service.

It's important to note that the Department does not have authority to regulate satellite companies, internet service, or phone service provided by cable television companies.

CABLE TV CONSUMER HOTLINE



1-(800) 686-7826

(TTY/TDD: 1-800-750-0750)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday



FAX A COPY OF YOUR COMPLAINT TO (614) 644-1469



EMAIL YOUR COMPLAINT TO VSA@com.state.oh.us

Ohio Department of Commerce

DAVIS CEMETERY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The new parking area and walkway at the Davis Cemetery on Riverside Dr. is nearing completion. Trees will be planted this fall and flowers will be added in the spring. The next phase of the project will be to improve and repair the cemetery grounds.

This is where we could use the help of volunteers to help restore this historic cemetery to its proper condition. If you have knowledge or skills that would help with restoring old headstones or the dry stone walls or would like to assist with fund raising efforts, contact Bryan Shonkwiler, Road Superintendent, at **(614) 889-8781**.

A ground breaking ceremony is planned for **October 30th; 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**



LAUNCH OF E-NEWSLETTER DELAYED UNTIL 2011

Release of Perry Township's E-Newsletter has been delayed until January 2011.

If you would like to sign up for the electronic quarterly, please contact Beth Beatty @ bbeatty@perrytwp.org.



LEAF COLLECTION
October 18th -
December 1st



No Street Parking
During Snow & Ice
Events

regardless of the proposed location on a property.

- 8) A Temporary Use Permit shall be obtained prior to the placement of a portable storage unit on a property. For the activities listed in Section 508.08 1 and 2, no more than two (2) Temporary Use Permits may be issued for the same property during any three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period.

A zoning permit is required and the fee is \$20.00. The application can be obtained on the website at www.perrytwp.org under the zoning tab and forms section or by calling the Zoning Staff and we can email, mail or fax the application to you.

Finally, 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.

Questions? Call (614) 889-1211.

LEAF COLLECTION GUIDELINES

OCTOBER 18th - DECEMBER 1st

- Leaves should be raked to the edge of the roadway and must be free of tree limbs, vines, grass and other debris or the leaf machine **will not** pick them up.
- Leaves should **not** be piled in such a way that they obstruct the roadway.
- Do not bag your leaves if you want them picked up by the township.
- If, due to circumstances beyond our control, (weather, etc.) leaves are not picked up within the scheduled time, they will be picked up as soon as possible.



Questions? Contact the Road Department by calling (614) 889-8781.

SUGAR & SPICE...

Road Superintendent, Bryan Shonkwiler and wife Joanie welcomed their first grandchild, Harper Lei Shonkwiler on August 25, 2010.

Proud parents, Aaron & Carly, delivered their 7 lb 1/2 oz beautiful baby girl at the Dublin Methodist Hospital.



Brookside PTA
Hay Ride
Friday, October 22nd



MENU
Brookside
Hog Roast
Oct. 16th
Start time 4:30
Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
2491 Darwin Dr.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT Continued from page 5

Of additional note, it is illegal to maintain an animal that repeatedly or persistently chases, snaps at, attacks or otherwise molests pedestrians, bicyclists, motor vehicle passengers or domestic animals. If an animal attack occurs, you should report the incident, *as soon as possible*, to the Franklin County Animal Control (614-462-4360) and/or the Perry Township Police Department (614-889-1231). As a last resort, repellants such as pepper spray can be used, if you are being attacked, chased, or harassed by a dog

Finally and as a common courtesy, pet owners are reminded to clean up after their animals, not only in the parks, but on all public and private property. Probably the most common complaint about dogs is the noise they make. Barking dogs may "murder sleep." Sometimes owners are blissfully unaware that there's a problem. If a dog barks for hours every day - but only when it's left alone - the owner may not know that a neighbor is being driven crazy by a dog the owner thinks is quiet and well-mannered. Even if you're sure the neighbor does know about the dog's behavior, it may be better to proceed as though they don't. Talking to your neighbor calmly and reasonably is an essential first step.

If talking doesn't work a note or oral warning from the police can be very effective; people don't want visits from police. You may be able to make your complaint anonymously to avoid worsening what may already be strained relations with your neighbor.

Caring for any animal is the responsibility of the owner. When a dog becomes a nuisance, it is the owner who is at fault, not the animal. Help do your part to keep dogs in Perry Township, "man's best friend".

THINK SAFETY

We ask township residents to turn on their porch and driveway lights at dusk.

Not only will flipping on that switch deter illegal activity, it also provides walkers and joggers with a lighted path as our days get shorter throughout the fall and winter months.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Continued from page 5

Dumpsters (Open Tops) and PODS. The code reads as follows for Dumpsters and PODS including location requirements:

508.08 PORTABLE STORAGE UNITS.

Portable Storage Units may be permitted as a temporary use in any zoning district only in conjunction with and not to exceed the times listed for the following activities:

- 1) Temporary use for construction sites as accessory to and in association with an ongoing construction project at such site for a period of up to one hundred twenty (120) total days in any three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive day period or upon the completion of the project, whichever occurs sooner.
- 2) Temporary use, including open top dumpsters, when the occupant of the property on which the portable storage unit is located is relocating for a period not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days or for a period of fourteen (14) total days in any one hundred eighty (180) consecutive day period.

508.081 PORTABLE STORAGE UNIT CRITERIA. Portable storage units shall be subject to the following requirements:

- 1) A portable storage unit shall not exceed one hundred sixty-nine (169) square feet in size and eight (8) feet in height.
- 2) Not more than one (1) portable storage unit shall be permitted on any property at any time.
- 3) No portable storage unit shall be located in a public right-of-way.
- 4) Portable storage units shall be located no closer to an adjacent property than the greater of ten (10) feet or the required minimum side or rear yard setback for accessory buildings in the district in which the unit is located.
- 5) Portable storage units shall only be used for the storage of personal property and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- 6) The placement of portable storage units shall be in such manner as not to create a public nuisance.
- 7) A portable storage unit is not permitted as a permanent accessory storage structure

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY

Your Brookside School has begun another school year! Additions to the school include an Equinox Hut, a Compass Rose, and a Butterfly House. All of these features, as well as the Pond and Vegetable Garden, will provide gathering places for teachers to provide instruction to our children. Classes are going outside to these places to engage children and then reinforcing skills in the classroom around their activities.

Many thanks for supporting our School Vegetable Garden over the summer! Despite the heavy rains and flooding in May/June, we had a successful growing year. Students are eating cherry tomatoes, yellow and green peppers, and some pole beans. We're all watching the "great pumpkin" grow as well as some watermelons and cantaloupes. The harvesting of our carrots, sweet potatoes, and white and blue potatoes should give us the base for a nice vegetable soup or sweet potato pie and/or fries to serve the children at harvest time.

The entire Brookside Community is invited to our PTA Harvest Hay Ride Night on **Friday, October 22nd, 7:00-8:30.** We'll have campfires, doughnuts and cider, and hay rides for all through the neighborhood. I hope that you can join us!

Mr. Fritz Monroe
Brookside Elementary Principal

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER!

Many of us search for phone numbers and addresses using popular Internet sites.

Unfortunately, numerous callers have been directed to the wrong department because of incorrect information they received through a Google or Whitepages.com search.

We recommend that residents go to our website—www.perrytwp.org - for directory information or request a township directory magnet to attach to your refrigerator. Just call **(614) 889-2669.**

TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFELY

We want everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween this year and using safety tips and some common sense can help you make the most of this Halloween season, keeping it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you! There are lots of simple ways to keep your child safe at Halloween. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year can sometimes make them not as careful as they would normally be. Simple common sense ideas can do a lot to stop tragedies from happening.

KNOW THE RULES

- ◆ Do not go inside anyone's house. Remain on the stoop or porch at all times.
- ◆ Do not go into a stranger's automobile.
- ◆ Do not take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- ◆ Walk, don't run.
- ◆ When crossing the street look both ways. Do not cross in between cars.
- ◆ Always use the sidewalk.
- ◆ Trick-or-treat on well-lit streets within your neighborhood.
- ◆ Children should always travel in a group.
- ◆ Use the buddy system, and make sure you have at least one buddy with you the entire evening.
- ◆ When you return home, have an adult examine and discard all candies that are not factory sealed or wrapped by the candy manufacturer. Never eat homemade or unwrapped treats.
- ◆ Never accept candy from strangers you meet on the street.

COSTUME TIPS

- ◆ Only purchase and use flame retardant costumes.
- ◆ Children should wear white, reflective clothing, or use reflective tape and carry either a flashlight or glow stick.
- ◆ Costumes should fit properly, avoid loose or baggy costumes.
- ◆ Avoid any type of open flame while wearing costume.
- ◆ Encourage children to wear face paint as oppose to a mask. Face paint should be non-toxic and meet FDA standards.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORT

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

Over the past few months, we have worked to increase communications between residents, civic associations, local community leaders, businesses, and your elected officials. In the spring, the Board of Trustees hosted a joint meeting between the Worthington Hills and Brookside Civic Association. Participants were available to discuss issues unique to the township and also provided valuable information to Helen Ware, a Henderson Heights resident eager to start a civic in her area. We were happy to see a large turnout during the Emerald Ashborer workshop and we hope to schedule more of these events in the future.

The Township's Police Department has upgraded its webpage to include secure online house check sign ups. Our entire website is getting a face lift and once the conversion is complete we will be able to offer this newsletter in an electronic format. Expanding the E-Broadcast distribution list continues to be an ongoing process. We encourage residents to contact our office or sign up for alerts via the home page of our website - www.perrytwp.org.

This is the time of year when we receive several phone calls from parents who are interested in knowing the date and time of Beggar's Night. We have chosen to follow the advice of the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission which encourages communities to support a unified date. This year, Perry Township has designated October 28th (6:00—8:00 p.m.) as Beggar's Night. Our Chief of Police, Robert Oppenheimer, has included safety tips on page 3 of this newsletter.

As a reminder, Board of Trustee regular meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. We encourage and invite community residents and businesses owners to attend.

CHIEF ZONING OFFICE'S REPORT

By Robin Fellure

First I would like to take a moment to talk about the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and their respective duties.

The Zoning Commission is a 5 member board appointed by the Township Trustees for a term of 4 years. Their purpose is to review and propose amendments to the Zoning Text or Zoning Map. All such amendments are filed by application and set for public hearings. The Zoning Commission meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed.

The BZA is also a 5 member board with 2 alternates appointed by the Township Trustees for a term of 4 years. One of their duties is to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in the enforcement of the Zoning Resolution. They also hear and decide Variance request to the Zoning Resolution and can authorize a Conditional Use by terms of the resolution. The BZA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month as needed. If you have an interest in serving on one of these board please contact Robin.

Finally this quarter's "Spotlight on Zoning" will focus on Temporary Use Permits. These permits are required for any of the following reasons:

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CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

By Chief Robert Oppenheimer

Along with the "dog days of summer" come numerous calls to the Perry Township Police Department concerning dog owners or keepers allowing their dogs to roam, at large, in the neighborhoods. As a friendly reminder to those of you who own dogs, Franklin County requires all dogs, regardless of age, to be confined on the premises of the owner or keeper at all times. Acceptable methods of confinement are defined as: a fence, a tethering device, a dog pen, inside a house or garage, or under adequate supervision.



When walking your dog off your property, you must maintain reasonable control over your pet. The best way to accomplish this is to keep the animal on a lease. The penalties in the county for violations are a \$100 fine for the first offense, and a \$250 fine and 30 days imprisonment for subsequent offenses. By preventing dogs from roaming at large, the current laws are also meant to keep both people and animals safe. Dog bites and/or attacks occur less frequently when animals are leashed or confined and closely supervised by their caretakers. In addition to concerns about human safety, dogs running at large could be killed by cars, subjected to abuse, or hurt by other animals.

Reports of dogs running loose in Perry Township are definitely on the rise, but you do have the law on your side. It is the owner's responsibility to control his/her pet, both for your safety and the safety of the dog. The first step is to make a friendly request to your neighbor to confine their dog. Should the request fail to result in appropriate action, a call to the police department or Franklin County Animal Control is in order.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By Bryan Shonkwiler

Another busy summer is coming to an end. Typically, this would mean that the road construction projects would be winding down. This year, however, due to the stimulus funding, construction will continue until late fall. This includes the County and Township road improvement projects. Meanwhile, the Road Department will continue to work on drainage projects, keep up with the mowing and prepare our equipment and facilities for fall and winter.

Another construction project that is ongoing is the parking area and walkway for the Davis Cemetery located on Riverside Dr. Contractors have excavated the area and soon will install the pavement surface and complete final grading and landscaping. When this project is completed, we hope to have volunteers come in to help restore the cemetery to its original condition.

As always, the biggest fall project for the Road Department will be leaf collection. The starting date this year is October 18th and will run until December 1st. Just rake your leaves to the edge of your yard so the leaf vacuum can reach them. Remember that our equipment is very large, so please don't pile leaves around mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. Also, if vehicles are parked on the street, we will not be able to reach the leaves around them. Check out the Road Dept. tab on our web site for further information

I hope to see you at the Open House on October 4th. Have a great fall.