



Perrysburg Township Post

Making Sense of the Census Written by: Craig Lattote, Perrysburg Township Trustee

The results of the 2010 census are in, and according to the Census Bureau, our population declined 8%, from 13,613 in 2000 to 12,512 in 2010. Although we have lost some population in the western portion of the Township due to annexations, we expected those losses to be offset by new residential developments in the central and eastern portions. Citizens of our Township may reside in one of several school districts and zip codes, which may have led to some confusion during the census. For example, someone in Perrysburg School District with a 43551 zip code could easily be incorrectly counted as a resident of the City. The population count affects our Township in many ways. Certain federal funding is based upon total population, and eligibility for our Home Rule status to be elevated to Urban Home Rule is based upon a minimum population of 15,000. We are investigating the process required to challenge the census count, and will likely file an official challenge request during this summer.



EMS Department Receives Award

On February 11, 2011 the Perrysburg Township EMS Department received the Dr. Frank Foss EMS Excellence Award. The EMS Excellence Award is a tradition in the Life Flight program and honors fire, EMS, and emergency personnel for providing extraordinary patient care under the unusual circumstances. This award is named for Dr. Frank Foss, a pioneer in emergency medicine, who started the Life Flight program 30 years ago. The Township EMS Department received this award in honor of their response to the June 2010 tornado.

Chief Tom Brice retells the story of that time, "On the night of the Tornado we [Perrysburg Township EMS] immediately sent a life squad to Lake Township to assist them...that unit transported three victims to the nearest trauma center. Later that evening we sent a light rescue unit to assist with searching for additional victims. The following day we sent our command staff along with the command staff from Perrysburg City to their command post. At that point we relieved their command staff so that they could go home and get some much needed rest. That day we also provided a life squad and an engine to handle the on-going calls within Lake Township. Over the course of the next two weeks we continued to provide a life squad and an engine periodically in order to staff their fire stations.

The tragic event of the tornado devastated the area and we are all grateful for the work of local emergency personnel such as our very own Perrysburg Township EMS Department during that difficult time.



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POLICE CAR NEW LOOK

Perrysburg Township police cars are undergoing a makeover. Starting with all newly purchases vehicles each police car will include the police department logo and be detailed with black and white instead of blue and yellow. Below is a picture of the first newly detailed police vehicle. This transition will take about 3 years.



2011 Recycle Roundup

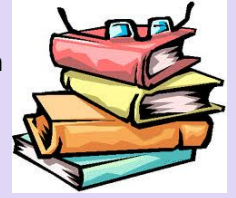
The annual Recycle Roundup will be held Saturday, **May 7, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Perrysburg Township Offices. 26609 Lime City Road. This event is available only to residents of: Perrysburg and Middleton Townships and the cities of Perrysburg and Rossford. Please bring a valid picture ID for proof of residency. Please visit our website, www.perrysburgtownship.us, for a complete list of collected items. There will be **NO** prescription drug or over the counter medicine collected this year. However, on Saturday **April 30** the 'DEA National Drug Take Back Day' will occur. Convenient locations include: the Springfield Township Fire Station #3, 7145 Garden Road in Maumee or Wood County Hospital, 950 West Wooster in Bowling Green.



With the retirement of the EMS billing clerk, Sharon Kerr, the EMS Department began the search for a billing company to provide quality services. The search ended with Medicount Management Inc., a company based out of Cincinnati, Ohio. Medicount provides highly accurate EMS billing within the State of Ohio and has over 15 years of experience. Their collection rates are 10-15% higher than the national average. For more information on the process of EMS bill collection please refer to their website: www.medicount.com

Township Lesson 101

Townships are governed by a board composed of three Trustees who are elected in November of odd-numbered years to a four year term beginning on the following January 1st. Two are elected in the year after the presidential election and one is elected in the year before it. The Trustees adopt resolutions, approve the annual budget, payrolls and bills, and set policy. An elected Fiscal Officer records the official minutes of the board and keeps the accounting books. The Fiscal Officer serves a four year term beginning on April 1st of the year after the election, which is held in November of the year before the presidential election.



Have you seen these?



Between 2004-2006 the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Stormwater Coalition and the Maumee RAP (now Partners for Clean Streams, Inc.) conducted a stormwater education program called *Give Water a Hand*.

Part of the program included stenciling over drains, such as the one pictured. The marking lets the community know storm drains lead straight to our local waterways and do not get "cleaned" by a treatment plan. Anything that goes in a drain comes out in the nearest stream, which in our area leads to Lake Erie, our area's primary source for drinking water.

Source: <http://www.partnersforcleanstreams.org/GWAH4.html> and http://www.tmacog.org/Environment/Stormwater/GHP_Training_Manual.pdf

W.W. Knight Nature Preserve is located on White Road. If you enjoy volunteering and the outdoors the Nature Center has a couple events you may be interested in.



May 17: 6-7:30 p.m. *Planting Natives in the Park*

June 11: 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Park Cleaning*

Please contact the Wood County Park District at 419.353.1897 or visit their website for more information. www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

Attention Homeowner's Associations

Are you a member of a Homeowner's Association (HOA)? Perrysburg Township would like to create a list of HOAs to better assist potential residents. If you belong to an HOA please send an email to Rosanna at rvioli@perrysburgtownship.us including the name of the HOA and the contact information.

Attention Businesses

- ◆ Perrysburg Township has a list of businesses within its boundaries.
- ◆ This list includes names, addresses and contact information. We
- ◆ would like to confirm the info is current, therefore if you are a business please send an email with the above information to Rosanna at rvioli@perrysburgtownship.us

Ohio

Department of Development

The Roadwork Development Grant Program (629 Program) was created to promote economic development, business expansion, and job creation by providing roadwork improvement financing for eligible projects in the State of Ohio. In accordance with First Solar Inc., the Perrysburg Township Maintenance Department has received a grant for \$200,000 to make road improvements. The money will go towards enhancing the entrance to First Solar Inc. on Cedar Park Boulevard.



Current Events Corner

- Contracted with Morlock Asphalt to demolish two unsafe structures
- Refer to our website for information about funding for the removal of ash trees on your property. Applications accepted until June 3
- Perrysburg Township has contracted with Kinetica Media to redesign the Township website.
- Demolition of the Old Townhall will begin in May. The cornerstone will be saved



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TIPS



As the weather changes here are a few tips to protect the investment of your property.

- Check roof and walls for wear and tear
- Check gutters and downspouts for debris
- Check the gaps on decks or porches. Debris piling up can lead to moisture build up
- Check driveways for cracks
- Check yard for areas that need to be raked or smoothed
- Trim trees and bushes where necessary
- Mow lawn regularly. Your lawn will be healthier, and you'll have fewer weeds if grass isn't mown shorter than 2 to 2 1/2 inches

Perrysburg Township adheres to the International Property Maintenance Code. If you have any questions, please refer to the website or contact Grant Garn at 419.872.8863

Tornado Safety Tips

If you are in:	Then:
A structure (i.e. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)	Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not open windows.
A vehicle, trailer, or mobile home	Get out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.
The outside with no shelter	Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/tornadoes.shtm>

2011 Road Projects

Thank you

- Right turn lane on Thompson Road & Route 20
- Reitz Road between State Route 199 & Dunbridge Road
- Cedar Park Boulevard
- Broadmoor Road
- Ponderosa Road
- Broadstone Boulevard
- Eckel Junction Road



Any questions on road projects, please contact Kraig Gottfried at 419.872.8862 or kgottfried@perrysburgtownship.us

Bids will be opened on May 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

In each edition of the newsletter we take time to say THANK YOU to various places which support the Township! This time around we would like to thank Bottomline Inc., Traffic Stop Uniform Supplies, and Safe-Way Barricades Inc. for their continuous support of the Township.

Call before you DIG

Whether you are digging for a fence post, planting a tree, etc. there is always a possibility utility lines will be hit. By law, everyone MUST contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1, at least 48 hours but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) before beginning ANY digging project. For more information please log on to: <http://www.oups.org/>

Founder's Day



Our community is commemorating its 188th year in 2011. We were founded on **May 8, 1823.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	July 4, 2011	OFFICE CLOSED	
May 7, 2011	Recycle Round-Up	9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	July 5, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 9, 2011	Zoning Commission*	6:00 p.m.	July 11, 2011	Zoning Commission*	6:00 p.m.
May 11, 2011	Senior Food Give Away	11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	July 13, 2011	Senior Food Give Away	11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
May 12, 2011	Food Give Away	8:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	July 14, 2011	Food Give Away	8:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.
May 16, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	July 16, 2011	Recycling	9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
May 21, 2011	Recycling	9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	July 18, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 6, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	August 1, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 8, 2011	Senior Food Give Away	11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	August 8, 2011	Zoning Commission*	6:00 p.m.
June 9, 2011	Food Give Away	8:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	August 10, 2011	Senior Food Give Away	11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
June 13, 2011	Zoning Commission*	6:00 p.m.	August 11, 2011	Food Give Away	8:30 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.
June 18, 2011	Recycling	9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.	August 15, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 20, 2011	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	August 16, 2011	Board of Appeals*	6:00 p.m.
June 21, 2011	Board of Appeals*	6:00 p.m.	August 20, 2011	Recycling	9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

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