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Township Trustee Meetings are held bi-weekly
on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Township
Hall (23 Maple Drive)



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP *Ohio*

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WATER AND SEWER RATES IN EASTERN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

Eastern Prairie Township is home to most of the Franklin County Engineering Department's (FCSED) customers, but its sewer and water lines are scattered throughout the County. This means that, as well as the fact that the system's facilities are aging and otherwise difficult to maintain, it is a very costly operation. This situation is the result of a number of causes that evolved over time. A recent study conducted for the FCSED concluded that this operation is not sustainable from a business/cost perspective. The study recommended that it be merged into a larger neighboring system to cure its financial woes. The Board of Trustees, which has been engaged in this issue since 2012, is an active advo-

cate for this solution and has reached out to Franklin County, City of Columbus and State officials to urge that this move forward. In the meantime, Franklin County is limiting volume-based rate increases to passing through Columbus increases (as opposed to the much larger increases that would be necessary to cover costs), but the \$101.91 per quarter base fee is still much higher than elsewhere and appears to be growing. Residents are always encouraged to discuss their concerns with the Board of Trustees, but this is no substitute for reaching out to the individuals that can have a real impact on rates. If you are interested in this issue please reach out to your county and state elected

officials. Feel free to contact the Township office if you require assistance in obtaining contact information for any of these officials.

(Go to prairietownship.org/275/Franklin-Co-Water-and-Sewer-Letter to read a letter that gives more detail about the Board of Trustees' position on this issue.)

**Rates in the Lake Darby/
Westpoint area will be
addressed in the next
issue**

2017 Sidewalk Program

If interested in participating in the sidewalk program, please contact the Road Department at 614-878-3316, or dmcaninch@midohio.twcba.com

The program allows residents the option to have their sidewalks replaced and the costs assessed to their property tax bill, payable over 10 years, interest free.



Street Tree Program

Please check out our website at www.prairietownship.org, and click on Street Tree Program for information.

For those without internet access, please call the Road Department at 614-878-3316 and information will be mailed.



DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY

The Board of Trustees adopted HR No. 02-17 establishing a "Do Not Knock" Registry, effective March 31, 2017.

Prairie Township residents can sign up for the registry on the Townships website, or in person at the Township Hall located at 23 Maple Drive.

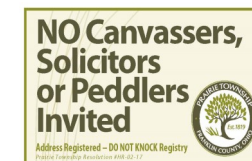
Once a household is registered,

they will receive a window/door sticker to display, which notifies all door-to-door vendors (with the exception of non-profit organizations) that they are on the registry.

This registration will be good for (5) years and can be removed at the request of the resident at any time.

For complete information

about the registry, please visit the Townships website at www.prairietownship.org or call the administration office at 614-878-3317.



COMMUNITY CENTER

NOW ENROLLING FOR SUMMER CAMP

We are now enrolling participants for the 2017 Summer Camp Program. Summer camp runs June 12 thru August 11 from 7:15 am—5:45 pm (Mon—Fri). Camp will once again be held at Darby Woods Elementary School.

Campers will experience large & small group recreation activities, supervised free time, field trips, arts and crafts, games, and swimming at the Prairie Township Community Center indoor pool.

The Prairie Township staff are dedicated to providing a high quality and fun experience for your children.

Participants bring a packed lunch, water bottle/drink and an afternoon snack daily. On swim days, participants need a bathing suit and a towel. For questions please visit the townships website at

www.prairietownship.org or call Jeremy Dean, Recreation Supervisor at 614-907-7993 or jdean@prairietownship.org



FARMERS MARKET

The Farmer's Market is returning for its third season beginning on June 5th and ending in September. The market is located in the Prairie Township Community Center parking lot located at 5955 West Broad St. We invite you to join us every Monday from 4-7 pm, where you can find a variety of delicious produce, meats, bakery items and more sold to you directly from local farmers and vendors. New to the market for 2017 is Second Mondays! Second Mondays will be featured on the second Monday of each month (June-August) and will feature cooking demonstrations, children's activities, live music and more! Don't miss out and join us this summer.



For more information, please feel free to contact Michael Pollack at 614-907-7995 or via email mpollack@prairietownship.org

COMMERCIAL BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Special Thanks

The Prairie Township Building & Zoning Department would like to acknowledge Mr. Glen Hymer for serving 14 years on the Prairie Township Zoning Commission.



Glen married the love of his life, Marian, in 1948, moved to the west side in 1964 and bought his home on Galloway Road in 1975. There they raised 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. They have belonged to Columbia Heights Methodist Church for over 53 years and have always been active in their community by volunteering at church and the food pantry since the early 1990's.

Glen retired from the Teamsters in 1985, joined WAC in the 90's, and became a board member for Prairie Township in 2003. When asked why he volunteered for the Prairie Township Zoning Commission, he simply said he always had an interest in improving the west side. Thank you for volunteering many years of service to your community.

The Prairie Township Building & Zoning Department is always seeking residents to volunteer on a Zoning Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Commission, please submit your letter of interest to the Zoning Dept. @ 25 Maple Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43228 or email your letter directly to cswisher@prairietownship.org.

2017 Spring Clean-Up

The 2017 Prairie Township Annual Spring Clean-Up will be held at the Prairie Township Road Dept. 6725 Alkire Road, Galloway, Ohio 43119 for Township residents only. Residents will be asked to provide proof of residence, so have your photo ID with current address ready at the gate. There will be dumpsters available for trash and tires (limit of 10 tires per day).



Hours of Operation will be limited to:

- ▶ Thurs. April 27, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Thurs. May 4th, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Fri. April 28, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Fri. May 5th, 10am-8pm
- ▶ Sat. April 29, 10am-4pm
- ▶ Sat. May 6th, 10am-4pm

- Zoning permits are required for all construction projects. Call the Building and Zoning Department Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm at 614-878-3317 ext.103 or visit our website at www.prairietownship.org.
- All door-to-door salespersons must obtain a transient vendor permit from our office. They should always display a photo ID badge on a Prairie Township lanyard.
- Residential uses shall place all trash, garbage, and solid waste in enclosed containers. Please do not place your containers at the road right-of-way prior to 24 hours before regularly scheduled trash pick-up.

ROADS, CEMETERIES & PARKS

Street Sweeping

There will be two regular neighborhood street sweeps this year, the week of April 17 and the week of September 5th (weather permitting). We will start in the eastern portion of the township and work towards the west. Please remove any vehicles from street to allow us to thoroughly clean the gutter area in front of the curb.

Street sweeps along W. Broad Street between I-270 and Hilliard-Rome Road will take place monthly beginning in April.

Road Resurfacing

We do not currently know which roads will be included in this year's road resurfacing project.

Once the determination is made, residents in the effected areas will be notified via postcard.



Curbside Chipping

Please contact the Road, Cemeteries and Parks Department at 614-878-3316 to schedule curbside chipping. This service is offered year round.

The guidelines for curbside chipping are available on the townships website, or by calling the Department.

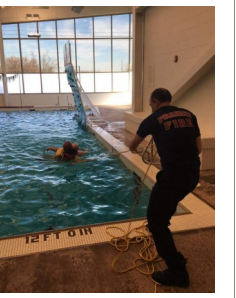


Take the GET GRASSY pledge! Why Get Grassy? How you treat your lawn effects water quality in central Ohio! Healthy lawns have deeper root systems, are drought and disease tolerant, and are better for water quality because they absorb more rainfall. The City of Columbus, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, and local lawn care companies have partnered to encourage residents to do their part for water quality by caring for their lawn properly. Read more at www.getgrassy.org and take the pledge to receive a free gift.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



On Friday February 10th, the Prairie Township Fire Department conducted water rescue training in the swimming pool at the Prairie Township Community Center. The purpose of the training was to familiarize members with the use of exposure suites, rope throw bags, and water rescue techniques. The following week, the same training was conducted, along with other area departments, in a local pond. Water rescue skills are essential to the operations of all Central Ohio Fire Departments due to the extensive amount of lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams in the area. Fortunately, these skills are not often used by local first responders. This same fact however, greatly increases the value of high quality training.



2017 ANNUAL FISH FRY

On a much lighter note, the Prairie Township Firefighter's Association would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for their annual fish fry. This year's event will be held June 23rd and 24th at the fish fry building behind the Inah Avenue Fire Station.

