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Critical Issues on the Ballot Next Month



On the ballot on November 5th for the Road Department is Issue 31. The passage of Issue 31 provides the funding to tackle our goal of **paving 100 miles in the next 10 years**. It also is our residents **last chance to pass a levy on our old home values** prior to the reassessment that was just completed. We need your support on issue 31 to accomplish our paving plan and stabilize our department. Currently, the Road Department operates on 3.0 total mills a 1 mill from 2014 and a 2 mill from 1986 which currently brings in \$1,221,755.

Issue 31 is a replacement levy of our current 2014 1 mill levy with a 2.9 additional for a total of 3.9 mills that is projected to bring in \$2,892,000 in revenue and if passed the 1986 2 mill levy would be allowed to expire.

Currently, the Road Department is only able to pave between 5 and 6 miles of Roads per year and that is declining every year. If Issue 31 fails at the ballot the Perry Township Road Department will lose funding from its 2014 levy and will only be able to pave between 1 and 2 miles of Roads per year. With almost 150 miles of roads to be taken care of this situation will become critical.



John Wellman
Public Works Director

If Issue 31 is passed, per \$100,000 in home value, the homeowner will pay \$137 per year or \$11.42 per month. This would be an increase of \$7.58 per month over what you would pay today on this home after the 1986 levy expires.

Passage of issue 31 will not only pave and repair our aging roads but stabilize our Road Department for years to come. Please join us at our meetings, on our Facebook page or at our community events to ask any questions or for more information.

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Always there when you need us!
Now we need YOU!

VOTE YES!

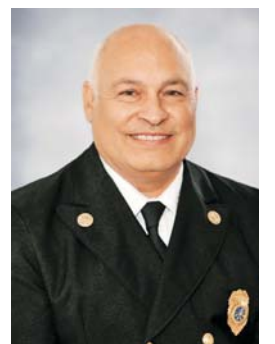
Perry Township
Fire Department
Levy

On the November 5th ballot, your Fire Department will be asking for resident's support on Issue 32. Issue 32 is a replacement of our current levy from 2015.

With your support, the passage of this replacement levy will provide funding to assist us with:

- Maintaining staffing levels, enabling all of our stations to be open around the clock.
- Maintain and replace apparatus and equipment as necessary.
- Continue our fire prevention training programs.
- Improve and renovate our existing facilities.

The Perry Township Fire Department's main source of funding is our current 4.9 mills levy from 2015. This levy costs a homeowner approximately \$107 per \$100,000 of County-appraised home value.



Chief Larry Sedlock

The cost of the 4.9 mills replacement levy will cost a homeowner approximately \$172 per year per \$100,000 of County-appraised home value. This is an increase of \$65 per year or \$5.42 per month on this home of this value.

Additional information regarding this levy can be found on our fire levy Facebook page and at our upcoming community levy meetings in October.

We are very appreciative of the continued and ongoing support from all of our residents. It has been our mission even through challenging times to be there when you need us. Now we need you!

Please vote yes on Issue 32 and continue to support your Perry Township Fire Department!

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An Update from Board President, Matt Miller

There's something about the Fall that always fills me with a sense of Perry pride. It might be everyone going back to school, Friday Night Football, or seeing our neighborhood streets filled with people for trick or treat.

Regardless of the inspiration, this particular year my sense of community pride turned my attention toward our local business owners. We have a tremendous

offering of goods and services right here in Perry Township and as these thoughts took shape, I found myself paying closer and closer attention to the vast diversity of business that headquarter in our community.

My train of thought culminated with a conversation with my wife about the businesses in Perry that we frequent. There were obvious ones like the local grocery store, coffee shop, or favorite pizza place... (by the way, we are a house divided on the best pizza in Perry Township, but both of us agree there are at least three or four places where you can't go wrong) but then digging deeper we evaluated where we go for haircuts, where our dentist office is, and who does our taxes. This deeper dive resulted in plans to move some of our purchases and habits closer to home.

As you might have guessed there is a call to action here, but I felt it should start with me before charging Perry Township residents. So, just yesterday (which at the time I am writing this is mid-September) instead of going to my usual barber, I went to one of our Perry Township Barbershops and got my haircut from someone new, someone local.

I admit there was some hesitation and fear of the unknown. It wouldn't have been the end of the world if this new barber had made a mess of my head, but I did have a meeting for work the next day and wasn't thrilled at the fallback position of shaving it all off to correct any mishaps. Nevertheless, I share this story with you as a form of encouragement to try somewhere new, somewhere local. You might just find them advertising in the pages of this newsletter.

In addition to our residents, I would be remiss to leave out our local business owners. Your version of this message is twofold. First, an expressed appreciation for those of you that sponsor sports teams, support local groups, donate to school functions, and serve as gathering places for clubs & organizations. A resounding Thank You to each of you! The variety of ways that you contribute does not go unnoticed and does not go unappreciated.

Secondly, just as I am encouraging our residents to think locally, I would extend that same encouragement to you to hire locally. We have outstanding people in our community and investing in them provides stability for our families and strengthens our sense of ownership.

Residents & business owners alike, my challenge has hopes of growing our local economy from within, increasing the utilization of our local workforce, and bolstering our sense of community pride by way of investment & involvement. None of this is possible without a commitment at the individual level to go outside their comfort zone, challenge the status quo, and resist forces of habit.

To help you get started I'd like to draw your attention to a pair of great resources to find local businesses.

- Check out the ads in this publication. There is a wide variety of services that support this newsletter.
- Perry Township Business Collaborative (Facebook Group) at www.facebook.com/groups/564595919180322. With over 1500 members, this is an outstanding community for information, news, and updates about all types of businesses in Perry.

Finally, I am excited at the prospect of continuing this conversation with residents and business owners to explore ideas and implement plans to improve our community and move Perry Township forward.

Matt Miller

Strengthening Safety in Perry Township: STARCOM Enhances Local Dispatch Services

By George T. Maier, Stark County Sheriff

To enhance public safety and streamline emergency response services, the Stark County Sheriff's Office is proud to have the opportunity to collaborate to be the primary dispatch provider for the Perry Township Police and Fire Departments. This collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and Perry Township demonstrates a commitment to maintaining a seamless and efficient line of communication in critical times, directly benefiting the residents of Perry Township.

On July 1st, Stark County Sheriff's Communication (STARCOM) officially assumed dispatching responsibilities for Perry Township's Police Department. This transition has already shown a marked improvement in response times and coordination among emergency responders. Looking ahead, STARCOM is set to extend these services to include the Perry Township Fire Department starting in late October. This expansion is anticipated to further enhance the effectiveness of emergency operations, ensuring that both police and fire services are more integrated and responsive to the needs of the community.

The integration of dispatch services under **STARCOM eliminates the need for transferring emergency calls between agencies**, which can lead to delays. Now, with a unified dispatch system, Perry Township residents can expect a quicker and more coordinated response to emergencies.

For the residents of Perry Township, this means not only faster response times but also a heightened sense of security knowing that their emergency services are more synchronized and efficient. The collaboration between the Perry Township Police and Fire Departments under STARCOM exemplifies how strategic partnerships can lead to tangible community benefits, reinforcing the commitment of local authorities to safeguard and serve their community with utmost dedication and efficiency.

This initiative is a testament to the Stark County Sheriff's Office's dedication to public safety and its ongoing efforts to innovate and improve the services it provides to the residents of Stark County. "Our goal is always to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. By partnering dispatch services through STARCOM, we are enhancing the ability to respond more swiftly and effectively to emergencies in Perry Township."

Moving forward, Perry Township residents can feel confident in knowing that their emergency response teams are supported by a robust and efficient dispatching system, ready to serve them in times of need. Let's continue to work together to keep Stark County and Perry Township SAFE!

Perry Police Partnership with Stark County Sheriff's Office

By Police Chief Bryan Taylor



As the Chief of Perry Township Police, I have had the privilege of working alongside Sheriff George T. Maier. During this time, I have witnessed firsthand his unwavering commitment to public safety, his deep understanding of law enforcement, and his dedication to the citizens of Stark County. On behalf of Perry Township, I am proud to express my full support for Sheriff Maier as he continues to serve our community with distinction.

Sheriff Maier and I share a strong commitment to community engagement, recognizing that building and maintaining trust between law enforcement and the public is essential for effective policing.

Sheriff Maier has made significant contributions to the professional development of law enforcement officers throughout Stark County. Under his leadership, the Law Enforcement Training Center has become a vital resource where our officers receive advanced training in various areas critical to their duties. This training ensures that our department, along with others in the county, is well-prepared to meet the evolving challenges of modern policing.

Perry Township has greatly benefited from Sheriff Maier's leadership. Our partnership with the Stark County Sheriff's Office under his command has been instrumental in enhancing public safety within our township. His support for our department, through collaborative efforts and shared resources, has been invaluable in helping us address the unique challenges we face.

As we look to the future, it is clear that Sheriff Maier's vision, experience, and dedication are exactly what Stark County needs. His continued leadership is essential to maintaining the safety and security of Stark County, and I am confident that under his guidance, our community will continue to prosper.

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Celebrating our Rotary Community Parade and 10th Annual Oktoberfest



It was a picture-perfect day on Saturday, September 21st as we gathered together with family, friends and local businesses to celebrate our Rotary Parade & 10th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest at Edison Middle School.

The 2024 Rotary Parade was led by the Perry Township Police Department, followed by Sheriff Maier's Honor Guard & Equestrians, Sheriff Maier and our Grand Parade Marshals Fire Chief Larry Sedlock & Police Chief Bryan Taylor. Parade enthusiasts were gathered roadside on 13th Street to collect candy and cheer on parade participants!

Immediately following the parade, several hundred kiddos enjoyed playing carnival style games as they interacted with the remarkable PHS Speech & Debate students who donated their time while face painting, pumpkin decorating, gaming and they all enjoyed nonstop fun in the Inflatables. For the past 9 years the Oktoberfest has been primarily sponsored by AQUA. This year we added additional sponsors, McKinley Eagles & Jim & Sarah Porter. Thank you for your generous sponsorships.

The kiddos smiled from ear to ear as they enjoyed visiting two petting zoos, complete with large animals: a camel, cow, lama, goats, piglets and several other small petting zoo animals!

Having our local businesses participate in our community events is always the backbone of the event. There are endless networking and branding opportunities for our small local businesses. We appreciate all the businesses and nonprofits that joined us for this fun family community event. We appreciate all of the guests, businesses, non-profits, that participated in the Oktoberfest. I want to take an opportunity to showcase some repeat businesses who have been with us for multiple community events throughout the years.

For 10 consecutive years, Kristy Baumgardner, owner of Sweet T's Restaurant at 3214 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, has been a vital part of all Perry Township community events. Check out Sweet T's for lunch, date night, catering, work parties, bridal and baby showers, anniversaries. Sweet T's is a quaint, classy venue to celebrate and create memories.

Special thanks to Jamie & Angel Wood who have served as respected business owners in Perry Township for over a decade. James Wood photography has been trusted and true to our Perry community, creating thousands of memories for families to cherish. Recently, Angel Wood embarked on a new business adventure called Warehouse 330 Boutique which provides chic trendy clothing, accessories and jewelry.



Clean Eatz has been serving our community for over a decade and do their very best to keep us well fed and healthy! Their food plans are outstanding and their website has something pleasing for everyone's pallet.

Mike & Diane Bowen came fully prepared to cool us down with their frozen freezer pops, snacks and a bountiful presentation of fall mums. If we had given an award for the most grandchildren on site, the Bowen's would have won it!

Randy & Deb Gidcumb are Perry Twp. residents and the proud owners of Giddy's 24/7 Fitness. Their members boast about the varieties of workout equipment, reasonable membership fees, friendly staff and cleanliness of the gym. Check out their FB page for monthly specials!

Nichole Crawn set up shop in her Huntington Bank Ice Cream Truck and passed out free ice cream bars to kids of all ages, including adults! This was a refreshing treat on an 85 degree full sun day. Nichole is dedicated to our Perry community!

We appreciate all of our churches, non-profits, and political participants, who set up their event booths and spent the afternoon with us meeting and greeting one another! The Perry community thrives together and celebrates together. Our public servants, Police, Road, Fire & Administration teams truly enjoyed engaging our community members.

Last but certainly not least a heartfelt thank you to Keith Nutter, Area Mgr. of AQUA, for his continuous sponsorship of community events and to my Oktoberfest Co-Chair Stephanie Spencer (and her husband, Mike) for having the vision to begin Co-Chairing the Oktoberfest back in in 2014! Happy 10th Oktoberfest Anniversary to you Steph! Thank you for your dedication to our Perry Community.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Fall!

Joyce Martin



Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

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Hello Everyone,

Your fire department has had a busy summer participating in multiple community events throughout our Township. Here are a couple of examples of how we were out in the community. In collaboration with our Perry Police Department, we participated in the P.R.I.D.E. Program, Career Day at Perry High School, Community Safety Day, Memorial Day at Perry High School, the Hero Run, Ice Cream and a Movie at Hartwick Park, Buttons and Bows Family Day, Flag Display at Canton Baptist Temple, Touch-A-Truck at Central Catholic, we were honored to participate in the Exceptional Olympics to once again where we were able to show

the kids just how special are! They love climbing on fire trucks! Additionally, we inspected the 3 beautiful new elementary schools to help make them fire-safe for the students and the staff.

Keep in mind that everything we participated in above was done while still answering calls and continuing with training so we can serve you better.

With the startup of our schools, our Fall months are looking just as busy as we will be providing fire safety education and fire extinguisher training to not only our schools but various local businesses and nursing homes. We provide basic safety information, so everyone knows what their role encompasses in the event of an emergency.

Our department has been aggressively recruiting and hiring quality full-time employees to ensure our residents are protected regardless of your emergency. The additional full-time staff will strengthen our department through continuity, consistent training, and stability. This is only one way we are improving our department to move it forward during these trying times for fire departments.

None of what we do would be possible if it weren't for your continued ongoing support for which I am sincerely appreciative. Without your generosity, it would be difficult to have all the personnel, lifesaving equipment, staff vehicles, and fire apparatus we do. You have been here for us, which allows us to be here for you!

Sincerely, Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

FIRE DEPT. SPOTLIGHT

Douglas Woodyard



Meet the newest member of the PTFD, Douglas Woodyard. Douglas has been a lifelong resident of Stark County and recently retired as a Lieutenant Firefighter Paramedic and Fire Safety Inspector in Stark County. Douglas obtained his Firefighter II and Fire Inspector certifications through Stark State College and his Paramedic certification through the Stark County Paramedic Program of Aultman Hospital.

Douglas has one son, Zachary, who is a 2024 graduate of Glenoak High School and is attending Ohio State University this Fall in their pre-med program.

Douglas joined the Perry Township Fire Department as our new Fire Prevention Officer. In his new role, Douglas will be plenty busy as he will be providing fire safety inspections for businesses in our community, and fire safety education to our schools as well as some local businesses, and nursing homes.

When he's not at work keeping our businesses safe and providing safety education, he enjoys boating to the islands of Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay with friends and family.

Power Cot & Loader



In previous newsletters, we informed you about our ZOLL cardiac monitors and our ZOLL Autopulse, which are two important pieces of emergency equipment.

We now inform you about our power cots and loading system. This piece of equipment is necessary to get you to the hospital in a safe, secure, and comfortable manner. It also provides our crews with a safe, back-saving method of moving and transporting patients.

Although this equipment comes with a hefty price tag of approximately \$60,000 for both, it helps reduce the number of work-related and possibly career-ending injuries of our personnel.

The Cot:

- Able to navigate in tight quarters
- Perform a true, unassisted lift and reach optimal loading height using smarter hydraulic assembly with load-sensing capabilities
- Three-position foot section
- Multi-position upper torso segment for patient comfort
- Properly positioned patient safety belts
- Steer and wheel locks to aid in patient safety

The Loading System:

- Supports the cot throughout the loading and unloading process
- Eliminates the need to steer the cot into and out of the ambulance
- Helps minimize patient drops by supporting the cot until the wheels are on the ground

There is no comparison to the cots that were utilized when I first started to these modern, multifunction, ergonomic, injury-reducing, high-performance cots. They have a huge impact on our day-to-day operations by protecting our patients and our personnel. They have proven themselves time and time again.



A Few Fall Safety Tips

Safely warm up by the fire

Inspect your fireplace before lighting the first fire. One of the simple joys of autumn is warming up in front of a fireplace.

If you have a fireplace in your home, be sure to have it cleaned and inspected before lighting your first fire of the season. A buildup of soot and creosote can cause a chimney fire and a backup of dangerous carbon monoxide gas into your home. Keep the area around the fireplace clear and remove any hanging decorations from your mantle. Most importantly, always keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Never leave burning candles unattended

While glowing candles make any environment feel cozier and smell fantastic, remember to keep burning candles away from anything that could burn, such as curtains, bedding, or books. Also, always extinguish a candle before going to bed or leaving the house. Never leave children or pets alone with a burning candle.

Watch for new roadway hazards

With school back in session, traffic challenges arise. School buses, pedestrians, students on bicycles, and teen drivers are out on the roads.

Slow down and take extra care to look for children in school zones, near playgrounds, and residential areas. Also, never pass a bus with flashing red lights on, or another vehicle stopped for a pedestrian.

Be alert for wildlife on roadways

Wildlife is on the move in the fall, so watch carefully for deer, turkeys, and other critters crossing the road in front of your vehicle. They are most active from dusk through dawn.

Remember that some animals – deer in particular – frequently travel in groups. If you see one crossing, more are bound to follow.

Share the road with harvesting equipment

In rural areas, fall brings the harvest season with large farming equipment on the roads. Be alert for slow-moving vehicles and give them plenty of space. This provides better visibility to you and the other driver. Remember that they may turn unexpectedly into fields or driveways. Just because you can see the equipment does not mean the other driver can see you.

Safely get the yard ready for winter

You've enjoyed your beautiful lawn and garden all summer, but now is the time to prepare it for a cold winter. Leaf blowers can be loud and blow more than just leaves, so wear eye and hearing protection to keep you safe from flying debris and preserve your hearing from the dangerous effects of repeated exposure to loud noises.

Practice ladder safety

Falling is one of the most common reasons for emergency room trips. If you plan to clean out your gutters, work as a team when using the ladder. Ladders can buckle or slip, so have someone hold the ladder as you use it.

Keep your body weight-centered over the ladder, and don't reach too far. It is better to move the ladder a few more times than fall.

Get your Flu/COVID/Pneumonia shots

Protect yourself from influenza with a flu shot. The viruses found in the influenza vaccine are inactive, so you cannot get the flu from the vaccine. After getting vaccinated, it takes about two weeks to develop antibodies to protect against influenza. That's why getting vaccinated early in the fall is recommended. The vaccine usually is available in early to mid-fall.



POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Police Chief Bryan Taylor
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As your Chief of Police, I have the unique privilege of working alongside some of the most dedicated and hardworking individuals in our community. Among them are the members of our Perry Township Fire Department and Road Department, two essential teams that play a critical role in maintaining the safety, well-being, and overall quality of life for everyone who calls Perry Township home.

The Perry Township Fire Department is on the front lines of emergency response. Whether it's a fire, a medical emergency, or a rescue operation, these brave men and women are always ready to act swiftly and effectively. Their commitment to protecting lives and property is unwavering, and their presence in our community provides a sense of security that is invaluable. The work they do is not just about responding to emergencies; it's about prevention, education, and ensuring that our residents feel safe every day.

Equally important is the work done by our Perry Township Road Department. These professionals are responsible for maintaining our roads, ensuring they are safe for travel in all conditions. Whether it's snow removal during a harsh winter, repairing potholes, or managing road construction projects, the Road Department's efforts keep our township moving smoothly. Their work often goes unnoticed, but without their dedication, our daily commutes and overall infrastructure would suffer greatly.

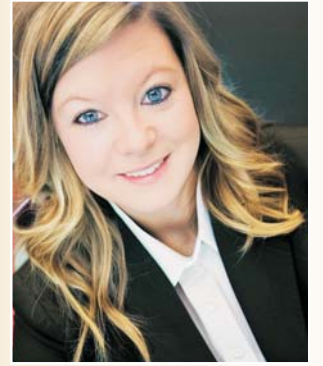
As we look toward the future of Perry Township, it is vital that we continue to support these departments. They are not just services; they are the backbone of our community. The challenges they face are increasing, and the demands on their resources are greater than ever. It is essential that we recognize their contributions and ensure they have the support they need to continue serving us effectively.

Our community thrives when we stand together. By supporting our Fire and Road Departments, we are investing in the safety, security, and prosperity of Perry Township. I am proud to serve alongside these teams. Together, we can ensure that Perry Township remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Keri Robinson

In the bustling world of law enforcement, there are many unsung heroes working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of the department. One such vital figure is Keri Robinson, the Administrative Assistant to Chief Taylor at the Perry Township Police Department.



A proud 2003 graduate of Perry High School, Keri embarked on her journey in criminal justice at Kent State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree. Her commitment to public service began in 2005 when she joined the Perry Township Police Department as a part-time Records Clerk. Demonstrating her dedication and skill, she soon transitioned to a full-time Administrative Assistant position at Township Hall.

In 2013, Keri returned to the police department, this time as the Chief's Administrative Assistant. In this crucial role, she manages a wide array of responsibilities. From handling department payroll and coding invoices to scheduling training sessions for officers and staff, Keri ensures that everything runs seamlessly. Her role extends to processing body camera and fleet camera videos for court, managing public records requests, and overseeing redactions for these videos. Keri also plays a key role in organizing community events and more.

One of Keri's standout contributions is her expertise in grant writing and reporting. Through her efforts, the department has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding, significantly enhancing the resources available to the police force.

Outside of her professional life, Keri enjoys quality time with her family. She and her husband Adam share their lives with their two sons, Owen and Ryder, and their beloved furry companion, Sawyer.

Keri Robinson's dedication and hard work are integral to the success of the Perry Township Police Department. Her behind-the-scenes efforts ensure that the department not only functions efficiently but also thrives. We are grateful for her continued service and commitment to our community.

A Big Thank You for Making *Cookout with Cops* a Success!



On behalf of the Perry Township Police Department, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who attended our recent "Cookout with Cops" event. It was a fantastic day filled with great food, fun activities, and, most importantly, the opportunity to connect with the wonderful members of our community. Your presence and participation made this event a resounding success, and we are grateful for your support.

Events like these remind us of the strong bond that exists between our officers and the community we serve. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you, share conversations, and enjoy a meal together. We believe that building and maintaining these relationships is key to ensuring the safety and well-being of our township, and we are thankful for the chance to strengthen those ties during this special day.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the incredible sponsors who made this event possible. Their generosity and support were instrumental in bringing "Cookout with Cops" to life:

Falcone's Tavern: Thank you for providing the food, plates, and plasticware. Your contribution added a special touch to the event that everyone appreciated.

All for Fun Inflatables: The inflatable attractions were a huge hit with the kids, and we are grateful for your support in keeping them entertained throughout the day.

Diel Automotive: Your sponsorship helped ensure that the event was a smooth ride from start to finish. Thank you for being a part of this community effort.

Mr. G Tent Rental: The tent provided a much-needed respite from the sun and made our event comfortable for everyone in attendance. We appreciate your contribution.

Canal Fulton Provision: The quality meats and provisions you supplied were top-notch and greatly enhanced our cookout experience. Thank you for your generosity.

Handel's Ice Cream: The ice cream tokens put smiles on the color contest winners faces.

Aqua Ohio: The ice cream was the perfect treat to cool off with on a warm day. Thank you for adding that extra sweetness to our event.

Shearer's: The chips you provided added the perfect crunch to our cookout.

We are proud to serve a community that values connection, collaboration, and camaraderie. We look forward to seeing you at future events and continuing to work together to make Perry Township a safe and welcoming place for all.



Everleigh's Parade

The Brumfield family's world was turned upside down when they learned that their 5-year-old daughter, Everleigh, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. In that moment, their lives changed forever, as they faced the unimaginable heartache of watching their little girl battle a condition no parent should ever have to confront.

On behalf of the Perry Township Police Department, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported and participated in Everleigh's Parade. The outpouring of love and support from our community was inspiring and made the event a memorable tribute to Everleigh and her family.

A special thank you goes to Joe Albert for his exceptional photography, capturing the heart and spirit of the parade in a way that words alone cannot. Lift Up Balloons created an amazing display that added a special touch of beauty and hope to the day.

We are also incredibly grateful to the many fire and police departments that took part in the parade: Jackson Township Fire and Police, the City of Massillon Fire and Police, the City of Canton Fire and Police, Canton Regional SWAT, the Stark County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Patrol Canton Post, Canton Township Fire, Plain Township Fire, Canal Fulton Fire, Marathon Petroleum Canton Refinery Fire Department, Perry Township Fire & Road Departments. Your presence and participation were a powerful demonstration of the unity and strength of our community.

A big thank you to Mr. D's Judith Lynn Band Organ for the wonderful music that filled the air and to A Part of Their World LLC for bringing joy to the parade with princesses and superheroes that delighted everyone, especially the children.

As we reflect on the parade, let's not forget that this is a difficult time for the Brumfield family. I encourage everyone to continue offering their support and keeping them in your thoughts and prayers. Together, as a community, we can provide the strength and comfort they need.

Thank you once again for coming together to honor Everleigh and support the Brumfield family. Your kindness and generosity are what make Perry Township such a special place to live and serve.

Lunch and Learn Program By George Davis

The Perry Township Police Department has increased its effort to protect residents from financial demise, crypto currency fraud and other scams by unscrupulous, unseen predators.

On Sept. 5, the department held its first-ever large scale *Lunch and Learn* program for over 100 Perry senior citizens, families and friends to better spread the word on how to recognize scams of all kinds and avoid falling prey to scammers.

These thieves use phones with untraceable numbers, computer messaging and cyber techniques to reach unsuspecting residents by going from friendly offers to threatening scare tactics to robbing victims' bank accounts and even life savings.

The free program was held at the McKinley Eagles Aerie 2370 on Monticello NW, where several large monitors showed video of a 46-page program presented by Perry Detective Danielle Paciorek and Jackson Twp. Police Detective Jeffrey Aynes, who focuses on financial cyber crimes.

Paper copies of the video were given to attendees for use at home when confronted by scammers, with instructions of how to be aware when the caller is providing false information to gain your favor.

Hosted by Perry Police and Perry Eagles, the luncheon was provided by Santangelo's Catering of Massillon and served by Perry Township department personnel and volunteers.

Several vendors provided mementos and answered questions of attendees on a wide range of topics, while CSE Federal Credit Union provided several Fall decorations as door prizes.

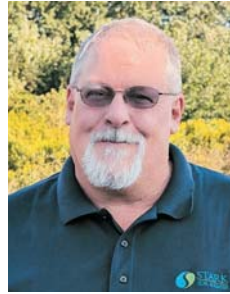
Detective Paciorek, in Stark County law enforcement over 10 years and at Perry since 2016, said the program goal is to provide residents with the knowledge and tools to recognize and prevent fraud. Paciorek and Aynes both stressed to be aware when answering the phone. Never provide any personal information and always contact authorities after hanging up.



The Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District

Who We Are and The Services We Offer

By Daniel M. Kunz, District Program Administrator



I always look forward for the opportunity to talk about the SWCD and what we do. We're that small county agency that most people never really have much interaction with. Our agency currently falls under the umbrella of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. This does not necessarily mean that our primary focus is on agricultural issues, even though a lot of our programs are related.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to conserving our natural resources by educating, guiding and assisting the citizens of Stark County.

Storm Water: Our storm water team works to ensure erosion and sediment controls are in place on active construction to protect soil and water resources. We evaluate and approve Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plans for construction sites over one acre in size and inspect these sites to ensure they are using best management practices to control sediments and water on these sites. We currently inspect over 135 sites, county wide.

Drainage: Our drainage program provides technical guidance to landowners on how best to manage drainage issues on their property. This program covers all of Stark County.

Wildlife: We work with landowners to help promote healthy, diverse habitats for wildlife on their property. Our staff meet with landowners and can assist with a plan to create pollinator habitats, native prairies or managed woodlots.

Education: We offer workshops, presentations, fact sheets, and hands-on activities to help and protect our natural resources.

I encourage you to follow our Facebook page and keep a close eye on our website www.starkswcd.org for upcoming programs, workshops and events. You can also reach us at 330-451-7645 or drop by our office at 2650 Richville Dr. Suite 100, Massillon, Ohio.



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ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS



Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell
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Starting a new business in Perry Township, either by signing a lease to an existing business structure or constructing a brand new building is an exciting process for you as the business owner and promises to be a wonderful addition to the township.

If you are doing your startup with a new building you have several steps to complete – land surveys, plan reviews by multiple county agencies including township zoning, permits to obtain, and contractors to line up for the actual construction.

Moving into an existing building also involves several steps. All too often the new business owner and often the property owner who holds the lease may overlook several important requirements with local zoning and even the county building department which might lead to opening delays, unplanned expenses – even financial citations.

We want you to thrive in your business. Here are a few steps you need to take as you make your transition into the commercial segment of our community.

First, if looking at an existing building ask yourself if you wish to remodel the interior or exterior to better suit your needs. Exterior modifications which increase the size of a building will require a zoning certificate from the township and a building permit from the county. Although interior remodeling does not

require a zoning certificate you will need to contact the county for a permit.

Second, are you planning on adding signs to your space? Township has regulations defining the type, size, minimum and maximum height, number of permitted signs, and placement of signs for all businesses. Even replacing the face plate on an existing wall or pole sign or switching from a static to an electric (lighted) sign will require a zoning certificate. Be certain you contact the township and the county about these regulations.

Third, both new construction and existing structures must have a required fire safety inspection by the Perry Fire Dept. The inspector is looking for things like missing outlet covers, exposed wires, or missing exit signs. Were fire extinguishers left behind from the prior business owner? Be certain they are inspected and properly charged or need replaced. Your inspection must pass and a one time application for a Certificate of Conformance must also be completed BEFORE you open your doors for business.

Generally, the fire inspector will give you time to repair or replace any flagged items. Don't cut any corners! Keep yourself and your future clients safe from unforeseen issues or expenses down the road.

For more information, contact the Zoning Department online through the township website or by phone at 330.833.2141.

Permit Payment Report

08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024

Permit Date	Zoning Certificate Type	Payment Amount	Project Cost	Square Feet	Main Status	Parcel #	Permit #
8/1/2024	Accessory Structure	95.20	26,000	702	Approved	10014989	24202
8/2/2024	Addition to residential structure	44.60	52,000	196	Approved	4304155	24204
8/5/2024	Fence	15.00	3,967	84	Approved	4300743	24205
8/5/2024	Pool	50.00	20,000	720	Approved	4303614	24206
8/7/2024	Addition to residential structure	37.00	20,000	120	Approved	4317705	24151
8/7/2024	Pool	50.00	8,500	448	Approved	4319382	24210
8/7/2024	Fence	15.00	1,400	0	Approved	10011045	24211
8/7/2024	Fence	28.80	8,000	238	Approved	4319382	24212
8/8/2024	Fence	29.70	5,575	247	Approved	4306213	24190
8/8/2024	Pool	50.00	1,500	572	Approved	4319136	24200
8/12/2024	Pool	50.00	5,300	33	Approved	4319189	24214
8/12/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	10,000	445	Approved	4306327	24215
8/13/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	5,000	320	Approved	10013289	24179
8/13/2024	Pool	50.00	5,000	16	Approved	4311899	24216
8/13/2024	Pool	35.00	12,000	49	Approved	4306698	24217
8/13/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	40,000	784	Approved	4306698	24218
8/14/2024	Fence	29.80	10,850	248	Approved	4311541	24219
8/15/2024	Addition to residential structure	97.00	80,000	720	Approved	4309612	24220
8/15/2024	Certificate of Conformance	40.00	40	600	Approved	4317853	24221
8/16/2024	Fence	31.00	11,625	260	Approved	4307757	24222
8/17/2024	Fence	39.70	12,000	347	Approved	4306790	24223
8/20/2024	New Residential Home	525.00	450,000	4,250	Approved	10011514	24224
8/20/2024	Accessory Structure	73.00	8,000	480	Approved	4311762	24225
8/27/2024	Addition to residential structure	39.00	34,000	140	Approved	4305837	24230
8/27/2024	Addition to residential structure	25.00	40,000	160	Approved	4307345	24231
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John Wellman
Public Works Director

An introduction

My name is John Wellman, and I'm honored to serve as the new Public Works Director & Road Superintendent for Perry Township. My journey began at Central Catholic High School, where I graduated in 1991. Shortly after, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1992, serving in the infantry and security forces until 1996. During my time in the Marines, I was part of the Kuwait Liberation, an experience that deeply shaped my sense of duty and commitment to serving others.

After completing my military service, I attended the Police Academy at the University of Akron, graduating in 1996. In February 1997, I began my career with the Perry Township Police Department as a reserve officer. By the summer of that same year, I was promoted to a full-time position, marking the start of a fulfilling 25-year career with the department. During my time with PTPD, I had the privilege of working in various roles, including with the Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit, SWAT, Detective Bureau, and serving as a Union Representative.

In 2022, I retired from the police department and took on a new challenge as a Safety Supervisor at Beaver Excavating. However, my dedication to Perry Township and my love for this community led me back home. I'm excited to return to serve once again, this time as the Public Works Director at the Township Road Department.

Outside of work, I'm a proud father and enjoy spending time with my bulldog, Winston. I'm looking forward to making a positive impact in my new role and continuing to serve the community that has always been my home.

Project Updates

- After many roadblocks in getting building permits for the Summerdale restroom, the project is finally underway. We hope to have it finished by the end of October.
- The Eclipse company has put the final touches on the Plymouth Knolls storm sewer project.

We appreciate your patience with these improvements as we know they have taken longer than anticipated.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Chris Young, Road Foreman

Chris Young has worked for the Perry Township Road Department for 16 years. He started as a road maintenance specialist, and is now the Road Foreman. He goes out and looks at issues from residents, gives the road maintenance specialists their job duties for the day, calls in jobs to the Ohio Utilities Protection Services, measures roads, backs up the Public Works Director, helps plow in the winter, and helps with Township functions, just to name a few duties. He is a staple to the Road Department, and is easy going with a great sense of humor.



Chris graduated from Perry High school and is a life long Township resident. He and his lovely wife Tanya have two beautiful daughters. Chris enjoys golfing and watching the Browns play.

Thank you, Chris, for all that you do!

Perry Township Yard Waste Site 1500 Jackson Ave S.W., Massillon

Hours of Operation:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ACCEPTED WASTE INCLUDES:

- Leaves
- Grass Clippings
- Straw
- Brush & Branches
- Apples
- Garden Plants
- Pumpkins
- Shrubs
- Sod
- Mulch

ABSOLUTELY NO ROCKS OR DIRT

Items in plastic bags must be dumped out. No plastic bags allowed.



2024 Paving Program

Perry Township continues its commitment to maintaining and improving our community's infrastructure through ongoing road paving projects. The roads that are getting paved in 2024 are:

STREET	FROM	TO
Westmont Ave S.W.	Navarre	Klick
Klick	Westmont Ave S.W.	Kemary
Highton	Stump	Eldridge
Greenford	Navarre	Klick
Eldridge	Klick	Navarre
Meadowlawn	Klick	Navarre
Roselawn	Klick	Navarre
Fairgrove	Klick	Navarre
Knolls	Klick	Navarre
Lennox S.W.	Lincoln Way East	Harsh S.W.
Proudley	Harsh S.W.	North Termini
Kitzmiller	Proudley S.W.	Lennox S.W.
Connecticut	Crescentview	27th St
Elizabeth S.W.	Lincoln Way East	
Bernower	Lincoln Way East	South Termini
Gnau S.W.	Lincoln Way East	South Termini
Oversmont S.W.	Lincoln Way East	South Termini
Cooper	Connecticut	South Termini
Prosray	Highton	Navarre
Tyner	Perry Rd	Kingston
Tioga	Oneida	Mohawk
Oneida	4 th St.	
Mohawk	Tioga	4 th St.
4 th St.	Oneida	Mohawk
3 rd St.	Perry Dr.	Cayuga



Fall Leaf Drop-Off Hours at yard waste site at 1500 Jackson Ave S.W.

Starting October 12, 2024, and running until November 24, 2024, the leaf drop-off program at the Perry Township Road Department hours will be:

Mondays and Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

It will be closed Monday, October 12th, 2024 for Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day and November 11th, 2024, for Veteran's Day.

The yard waste site will close for the year on November 30th, 2024.

You can help prevent drainage problems by remembering not to blow or rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into storm sewers, ditches, and streets. Doing so will help to reduce drainage and flooding problems during heavy rainfalls. Please, remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides, or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts, or catch basins. Doing such violates of ORC 3767.17 and all violators will be prosecuted!

We encourage all residents to take advantage of the yard waste disposable site. Together, we can keep Perry Township beautiful and clean!

If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department by calling 330-493-9904.



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Dr. Heather Baker (top) and Mitzi Gill

Perry Chiropractic has supported our community since 2001. While previously operated by Dr. Yang, it was purchased by Dr. Heather Baker in 2022. Dr. Baker is a Perry High School graduate who then attended The University of Akron to earn her Bachelor's in Physiology before attending Palmer Chiropractic School in California. She was happy to return to her hometown and work with Dr. Yang before taking over the practice.

Dr. Heather Baker DC, CCSP, ICSC is supported by her chiropractic assistant Mitzi Gill. She has been with the practice for 10 years and was integral in the transition of ownership to Dr. Baker. You may also encounter Cujo, the office manager, roaming the halls, ensuring operations are running smoothly. This 8 lb. Yorkie loves to welcome clients with puppy kisses.

Perry Chiropractic accepts most major insurances, and Dr. Baker treats personal injury cases. She responsibly treats all family members, including children, people who are pregnant, and postpartum patients. She is well-known for her intentionality when treating her clients ailments and concerns, creating effective treatment plans, and providing knowledge that allows her patients to achieve long-term wellness. She very often receives reviews highlighting the unique care and comfortability that she is able to provide.

Services provided include Graston Technique, Webster Technique (for perinatal patients), shockwave, and cupping. She has extensive training in pediatric chiropractic treatment. This year Dr. Baker is focused on growing her service offerings to include pelvic floor therapy in conjunction with a postpartum treatment program, massage therapy, animal chiropractic, and naturopathy. Shockwave treatment is an exciting new offering that produces a rapid increase in blood circulation to a targeted area and will break down fibrous scar tissue which builds up over time, especially with chronic conditions. Staff and patients have been thrilled with the results from this treatment method because it helps stimulate cell regeneration, promotes normal healing, and rapid reduction of pain.

"The support from our community members is unmatched. We love the sense of unity in Perry and find it to be so unique and uplifting. Dr. Baker knows how deeply special this township is and her goal for this practice is to bring the highest-level of care to our community as new techniques and tools develop in the chiropractic industry.

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