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Merry Perry Township!

From all of your Perry Township employees, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year!



As we reflected on the celebrations and goodwill of 2024, we also looked forward to an exciting and productive 2025. We gathered together for fellowship, reminiscing about the past year and shared special memories with one another during our Annual Employee Christmas luncheon at the Township Administration office.



The Joy of Giving

We also celebrated our 13th Annual Perry Township Gives Back Program. Employees (current and past) generously provided another Joyous Christmas to eight Perry Township kiddos in need of some holiday TLC. Thanks to all who made a positive difference in the lives of others during the holiday season. As Winston Churchill once said: "We make a living by what we GET. We make life by what we GIVE."



Light Up Perry Christmas Lighting Contest!

Thank you to all who applied for the Light Up Perry contest. Our panel of township judges and their families enjoyed the splendor of the sparkling lights as they carefully selected their favorite Christmas displays. Each winner won a gift certificate from either Fizzlestix, Falcones or Sweet T's Cafe & Confections. Special thanks to Keith Nutter Area Manager of AQUA for sponsoring this fun community event!



An Update from Board President, Matt Miller Looking Back on 2024 and Ahead to 2025

Reflecting on 2024 fills me with mixed emotions between what we've accomplished, projects in-progress, and the work yet to be done. Generally, I struggle with reflection and rarely take time to appreciate the growth we've experienced. Here is what I could muster.

True to our typical pattern, we have an ambitious list of goals for the upcoming year. Each department has their unique slate of objectives and here are a few that I'd like to point out. Sticking with parks, we have been graciously awarded another grant from the State of Ohio that has been allocated to begin the development of Fasnacht Park. Included in this first round is creating a proper entrance, parking area, primitive trails, and stabilizing the historic buildings.

In an effort to support all of our parks, we plan to launch a Parks Committee. The details of this committee are still being developed, however the function of the group will be focused on organizing and empowering community members to become active participants in the management of these resources.

The overarching theme that comes to mind when I think back on the past year centers around improvements to our parks. The completion of improvements to Meredith Park was a major undertaking that resulted in an expanded area to house our Youth Soccer program, as well as perimeter asphalt walking track that not only provides better access to the fields, it also serves as a health & wellness opportunity for our community. It is important to note that Perry TWP does not collect taxes to support park operations and that this project was made possible through grants, donations, and volunteers. Special Thanks to ODNR (via Ohio Capital Budget Grant), Massillon Community Foundation, Perry Project Group, as well as Jack Ford and Family. 2024 also marked the opening of a new restroom facility at Regis Perry Memorial Park. Summerdale Park also received a new restroom late in the season and will be ready for use this year. Once again, these park improvements were completed without using tax dollars.



Comprehensive Master Plan

With the first draft already in-hand we are excited to work with Stark County Regional Planning to have a finished product that is ready for implementation and will be available to the public in 2025. This multi-year endeavor will offer valuable guidance when it comes to budget planning, pursuing grants, and development decisions. Big picture, the Comprehensive Master Plan will help set up continuity as Board members come and go over time.

Make Something Better

I truly tried to wrap this article up without a call-to-action, but it didn't feel right leaving a personal challenge out of a

New-Year's message. Plans for 2025 include a few ways for community members to get involved, so my challenge fits that theme. Finish a project, deliver on a promise, or support a cause. It is my hope that by doing so, you find your efforts rewarding and feel some momentum to move on to the next thing that needs fixed, finished, or just needs a little paint. Who knows, maybe your eye will turn towards getting involved with a community group that has us working together to make Perry Township a better place to work, live, and play in 2025.

By no means is this an exhaustive list, but the last (and certainly not least) highlight related to parks that I would like to mention is the hiring of John Wellman, our Public Works Director. His primary role is to oversee our Road Department; however, an added responsibility is overseeing our Parks. The reason I am including John in this list is to point out the speed at which he has grasped the challenges we face across our Township Parks and the immediacy that he has begun to improve on Park operations. I am looking forward to what 2025 has in store for our parks under his leadership.

Full Steam Ahead

There are several initiatives that will be getting significant attention in 2025.

Matt Miller



Stay Connected!

In addition to our Seasonal Community Magazine, we want to stay connected with you via NIXLE. This service is free to our community members, and allows government agencies, and safety forces to communicate with the public about road closings, severe weather alerts, police, fire and road emergencies, hazmat, community events and so much more.

How do I sign up for the Perry Township NIXLE Alert System?

- ▶ Via cell phone by texting Perrypoh to 888777
- ▶ Users also have the option to access www.nixle.com to create a personal profile specific to the types of messages you want to receive
- ▶ If you require further assistance with registering for NIXLE, please call our Administration office at 330-833-2141

Did you know...

Your Perry Road Team maintains 140 miles of roads. However, some roadways in Perry Township are maintained by Stark County Engineers & ODOT.

Not all roads in the township are maintained by our crews.

Roads maintained by Stark County Engineers

- 12th Street NW
- Whipple Avenue
- Woodlawn Avenue
- Perry Drive
- Southway Street
- Navarre Road
- Fohl Road
- Shepler Church Road
- Sherman Church Avenue

Roads maintained by ODOT

- State Route 627 (Richville Drive SW & Faircrest Street SW): Stump Avenue SW to Shepler Church Avenue
- State Route 172 (Lincoln Way/Tuscarawas Street): Between Massillon City and Canton City
- US Route 30



See the complete list on the Road Dept. Page (8)



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Joyce Martin, Township Administrator
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2025 Township Communications



Greetings to you and yours! I trust you enjoyed a memorable holiday season with those who mean the most to you. Moving forward in 2025 we want to hear from you about your preference of receiving township communications.

Communications are a vital part of establishing relations, resolving conflicts, fostering trust and ensuring to provide a platform for our community members to share ideas, and pose inquiries. The sharing of information and communications promotes a sense of belonging and unity within our community.

For the past two years we have been mailing the Perry Township Community Magazine to you via US post office to your home or business. Please share with us your feedback as to your satisfaction of the content within the magazine.

We make every effort to inform you about current events, department activities in our Police, Road & Parks, Fire, Zoning, Fiscal & Administration, community events, and personal messages from the Board and department heads. We also introduce you to department members via our Employee Spotlight. Last but not least we have several ads within each edition which not only promote local businesses, but contribute to reducing the costs of our magazine. Please send us an email at office@perrytwp.com or mail your feedback to us at Perry Township Communications, 3111 Hilton St. N.W., Massillon 44646. or better yet, I invite you to contact me directly at 330-833-2141. I look forward to hearing from you.

Online Communications: Township website (Perrytwp.com) and Perry Township Facebook page. We also communicate to our community members via social media. We appreciate your likes and especially your shares in efforts to assisting

us in spreading the word about our community updates, activities and events.

Nixle Notifications: Nixle is a free service provided to you from the Board of Trustees that allows government agencies and safety forces to communicate with our public about road closings, weather alerts, police and fire emergencies, community events and other notifications. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Nixle notifications by texting PerryTwpOH to 888777.

Once you're registered for Nixle you may create a personal profile at www.Nixle.com to specify the types of messages you want to receive. Log into Nixle, click Settings to adjust which messages you receive and on which devices. You may also email support@nixle.com to unsubscribe. You may review additional Nixle information on our website.

Last but not least you have an open-ended invitation to join us for our township Board of Trustee meetings which are open to the public and currently held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6pm at our Township Administration Office – 3111 Hilton St. N.W., Massillon. At the conclusion of the meeting the Board of Trustees hosts the opportunity for Public Speaks. During this portion of the meeting, you may approach the podium and pose questions to the Board about any inquiries or concerns you may have of our township.

We welcome your comments, and we invite you to join us for our Board of Trustees meetings. A well-informed community fosters a cohesive community.

Yours in service, Joyce Martin

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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Fire Chief Larry Sedlock
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Hello Everyone,

The holidays have come and gone. Whether you traveled or simply stayed home, I truly hope that each of you had a chance to escape the hustle and bustle, had time to relax, spend time with your loved ones, eat delicious food, and receive all the gifts you wanted from Santa.

Some time has passed since we called upon you to support your department at the November voting polls, but I am grateful that during these challenging times,

you found it in your hearts to graciously support your fire department. Again, thank you!

Even though the holidays were upon us, your department was busy protecting you, our residents. At the time of this newsletter's printing, our department responded to 3,864 calls for the year thus far and we still have half of December to go. We are on pace to have a record year as we approach 4,000 calls for 2024.

Our department is going beyond answering calls. Our Fire Prevention Bureau keeps plenty busy assisting our businesses through fire safety education by providing regular safety inspections. This education and inspections help keep their businesses and patrons safe.

Should the need arise, all you need to know is that we are here for you. Simply dial 9-1-1 we will be there for you.

As we ring in the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely, Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

FIRE DEPT. SPOTLIGHT

Jenna Herzog

Say hello to one of our newest firefighter/paramedics, Jenna Herzog. Jenna is a graduate of Glenoak High School, and both the Stark State Paramedic and Firefighter II programs. Even though Jenna is new in our department, she is not new to our profession as she has four years of experience working part-time with other departments.



In addition to working in the fire service, Jenna gained further medical experience by working as a paramedic emergency room technician.

When not at work saving lives and protecting property, Jenna stays active by taking part in multiple hobbies such as hiking, kayaking, and traveling. To relax, she likes to curl up with a delightful book and cuddle with her two fur babies, Fez and Artemis.

We are honored to have Jenna as part of the Perry Township Fire Department family!

Paramedic Graduates



From left to right: Kali Bates, Ian Zimmermann, Brandon Henkel, Andrew Beitler

On December 18th, after fourteen months and countless hours of both classroom and clinical time, not to mention the time away from their families, our department had four of our firefighters graduate from the Stark State Paramedic Program. Their dedication and perseverance represent the devotion they have for both our department and our community.

We are honored to have them as part of the Fire Department family and wish them all the best as they move forward in their careers. Congratulations to the Perry Township Fire Department, 2024 Stark State Paramedic graduates.

A Generous Donation

Extrication tools are used to free an entangled person from an automobile due to a crash. Currently, our Engines 1 and 2 have a full complement of hydraulic extrication tools. However, Engine 3 does not, which causes us to change the order of how we are dispatched for motor vehicle accidents.

Thanks to a gracious donation from the Canton McKinley Fraternal Order of Eagles, our department was able to purchase a complete set of Genesis battery operated extrication tools with the donated funds. These tools are considered top of the line, being that they run on rechargeable batteries, there is no hydraulic pump, no hydraulic hoses, no fuels to mix, and they provide more portability. These features will provide our crews with faster deployment and increased scene safety. Additionally, due to fewer components, there will be a decrease in maintenance and supply costs.

This is just another way we are improving our department to better serve you, our community and those that visit us. *Thank you McKinley Eagles for your continued support of our department.*



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If you are a Perry resident, you can call Fire Administration at 330-833-3865 or you can get on our Township website (www.perrytwp.com) and click on the Fire Department link which is located under "Departments". Then click on the "Address Signs" button and complete the form. You can also scan the QR code which will take you to the page. After ordering, we will make your sign, deliver, and install it all for **FREE**.



Total Fire and EMS Calls for a 12-month Period (2023-2024)



Winter Fire Safety Tips

Winter has arrived and regardless if you use a furnace, fireplace, portable heater, wood burner, or any combination of these to keep toasty during this frigid time of the year, please do it safely. The following are some general safety tips to keep you safe as you stay warm during these winter months.

FIREPLACES + WOOD BURNERS

- Make sure you have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a professional.
- Be certain the damper or flue is open before starting a fire. Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
- Use dry, well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly.
- Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of anything potentially flammable (i.e.: furniture, drapes, newspapers, books, etc.). If these items get too close to the fireplace, they could catch fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and starting a fire.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home put the fire out completely.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid. Store the container outside at least three feet from your home.
- Keep a watchful eye on your children.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.



PORTABLE HEATERS

- Place the heater on a hard, level, and nonflammable surface. These appliances are intended to sit on the floor, not on a table.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from combustible materials, such as furniture, bedding, and curtains.



- Make sure to plug them directly into the outlet. Do not use an extension cord.
- Never leave them unattended.

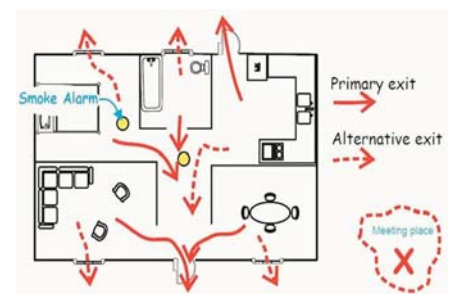
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- Do not store items any closer than three feet to your furnace.
- Have your furnace serviced annually by an HVAC professional.



GENERAL

- Do not overload outlets.
- Use battery-powered candles.
- Never use charcoal or gasoline devices indoors.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Close your doors when sleeping.
- If there is a fire, stay low and go! You have no time, just GET OUT!
- Have an escape plan and a safe meeting place.



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Police Chief Bryan Taylor *btaylor@perrypolice.com • 330-478-5121*

As we move into the beginning of the new year, I want to take a moment to share some thoughts and reminders for the winter months ahead. While the excitement of the holidays has passed, the heart of winter brings its own challenges and opportunities for our community.

January and February are marked by cold weather, icy roads, and shorter days. Please

take extra care when driving and remember to give yourself extra time to get where you're going. If you haven't already, make sure your vehicle is winter-ready by checking tires, brakes, and emergency kits. At home, ensure your heating systems are safe and functioning properly, and remember to check on neighbors who may need assistance during extreme weather.

These months also provide an opportunity to focus on setting goals and building connections. As a department, we are committed to making 2025 a year of progress and partnership with the community. We encourage residents to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas as we work together to ensure safety and well-being for everyone.

On behalf of the police department, I wish you a safe and successful start to the year. Let's face these winter months with care for one another and a shared commitment to keeping our community strong. As always, we are here for you 24/7.

Warm regards, Chief Taylor

POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Sergeant Jason Fisher: A Dedicated Servant

This month, we are proud to shine the spotlight on Deputy Chief Jason Fisher, a lifelong resident of Perry Township and a dedicated member of the Perry Township Police Department. With a deep-rooted connection to our community and a distinguished career in public service, Deputy Chief Fisher exemplifies the values of commitment, integrity, and service.

Deputy Chief Fisher's story begins right here in Perry Township, where he was born, raised, and educated. A proud Perry High School graduate, Jason's love for his community has been a guiding force throughout his life. His decision to serve the residents of Perry Township is a testament to his deep sense of responsibility and his desire to give back to the place he has always called home.

Deputy Chief Fisher's career in public service began in 2004 when he joined the Perry Township Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT. His time as a first responder laid the foundation for his future in law enforcement, where his dedication to helping others became a hallmark of his work. In 2006, Jason transitioned to the Perry Township Police Department, where he has since served with distinction.



Jason Fisher with members of the Perry Township Board of Trustees

Over the years, Deputy Chief Fisher has worn many hats within the department. His experience as a detective showcased his keen investigative skills. As a certified Taser instructor, he plays a crucial role in training fellow officers, ensuring they are well-prepared to protect and serve our community.

In his capacity as the Evidence Supervisor, Deputy Chief Fisher is responsible for the meticulous handling and management of evidence, a critical component of our department's operations.

Deputy Chief Fisher's dedication to his profession is evident in his continuous pursuit of excellence. He is a proud recipient of the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award, a prestigious recognition that underscores his commitment to leadership and professional development. This achievement is a reflection of his drive to not only better himself but also to elevate the standards of our department.

When he's not serving the community, Deputy Chief Fisher enjoys spending quality time with his beautiful wife and four children. Family is at the heart of everything he does, and his love for his own family is mirrored in his dedication to ensuring that Perry Township remains a safe and nurturing environment for all families.

Welcome, Officer Madison Mahan!

We are excited to announce the hiring of Officer Madison Mahan, who officially joined our law enforcement team this December. A native of Marysville, Ohio, Officer Mahan brings a strong educational and professional foundation to her new role, and we are thrilled to have her serving our community.



Officer Mahan with Chief Taylor

Officer Mahan is a recent graduate of the University of Akron's Police Academy, where she demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and a commitment to public safety. She also holds an associate's degree in criminal justice technology, which has equipped her with a deep understanding of modern policing practices and the principles of criminal justice.

Her swearing-in ceremony took place at the December 17, 2024 Board of Trustee meeting, with Trustee Nelligan administering the oath of office. Surrounded by family, colleagues, and community members, Officer Mahan pledged to serve with integrity, respect, and fairness—a promise we know she will uphold as she begins this new chapter in her career.

As Officer Mahan settles into her new role, we encourage everyone in the community to join us in extending a warm welcome. We are confident that her knowledge, enthusiasm, and passion for public service will make a meaningful difference in keeping our community safe.

Welcome aboard, Officer Mahan! We are proud to have you on the team.



Veterans Wish Tree: A Heartwarming Success

This year, the Veterans Wish Tree initiative, a collaboration between the Perry Township Police Department and the Veterans Service Commission, achieved remarkable success in bringing joy and support to veterans in our community. The project, aimed at fulfilling the wishes of local veterans, not only highlighted the power of collective goodwill but also reminded us of the importance of honoring those who have served our country.

The Veterans Wish Tree consisted of community members to participate by selecting wishes from the tree and working to fulfill them. From practical items like winter clothing and household essentials to heartfelt gifts that brighten the holiday season, the outpouring of generosity from individuals, families, and organizations made this year's effort truly special.

Through the collective efforts of everyone involved, a significant number of veterans' wishes were granted, ensuring that these deserving individuals felt appreciated and cared for. The collaboration between Perry PD and the Veterans Service Commission was instrumental in organizing and executing the initiative, but the community's participation was the true driving force behind its success.

To every person who donated, volunteered, or spread the word about the Veterans Wish Tree, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your kindness and generosity exemplify the spirit of unity and compassion that makes our community so extraordinary. By fulfilling these wishes, we not only provided material support but also reminded our veterans that their sacrifices are not forgotten. Together, we have made a meaningful impact on their lives, and for that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Veterans Wish Tree has once again shown that when a community comes together, incredible things can happen. Here's to many more years of fulfilling wishes and showing our gratitude to those who have served. Thank you for making this possible!



Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell • jwhytsell@perrytwp.com • 330-833-2141

A Dedicated Public Servant, Colleague and Friend

Working for Perry Township is an honor and responsibility shared among incredibly competent, talented, and highly motivated individuals. Administration and Fiscal, Fire and EMS, Police and Public Works – every department is staffed with significant people who wish to see this community thrive.

When we lose someone from within this tight community the impact of that loss is immediately felt. Recently we lost one of our own, Assistant Zoning Inspector Karl Kraus Jr., better known to everyone as Butch.



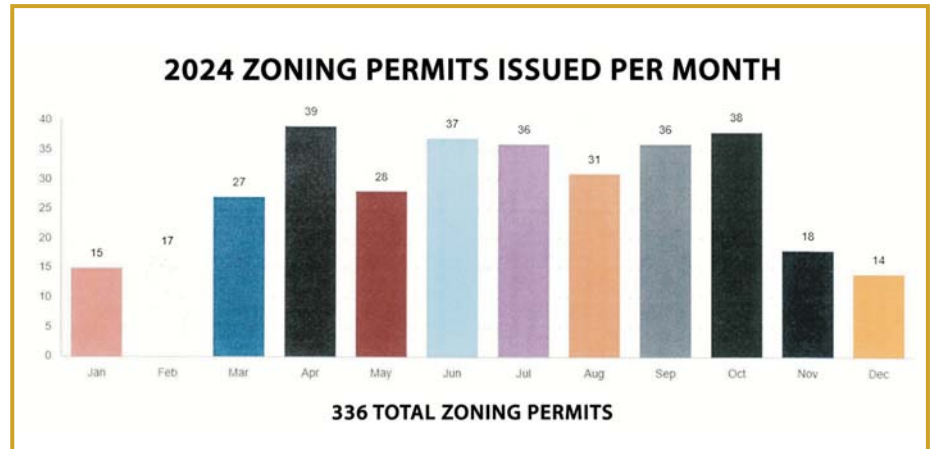
Karl "Butch" Kraus Jr.

I assumed my duties as the Zoning Inspector for Perry in 2021. At that time Butch, who worked part time, was busy keeping everything afloat for the Zoning Department, singlehandedly taking phone calls, investigating complaints, issuing zoning certificates – just a typical day keeping several balls in the air simultaneously!

For those of us who had the privilege of working with Butch, we all recognized early on that his family was the most absolute important thing to him and that he also had a distinct and unmistakable voice. Those traits about Butch were very endearing to me. Butch was also a straight shooter, speaking plainly on the business at hand. You always knew where you stood with Butch.

From day one, Butch was determined to help me succeed in my job, answering all my questions, reviewing local zoning regulations, going over current case files and permit applications. Butch had a good sense of the pulse of the community and understood what was happening. One of the very first things he ever said to me was, "Jeff, I am here to have your back and to make this department succeed." Mission accomplished, Butch.

Just about a year ago, Butch received a challenging health report that no one wants to receive, but he took it in stride and was optimistic. He went through treatment, was often in pain but always showed up for work ready to go. Eventually, however, things took a turn, and we lost him December 1st. He worked for the township for nine years faithfully fulfilling his duties in zoning. Butch was a colleague and friend and will be missed.



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John Wellman
Public Works Director

Director's Message

I hope your New Year is off to an extremely good start! Your Perry Township Road Team has been working diligently throughout the winter season to keep our roadways clear and safe for you and your family. We make every effort to run a smooth operation. There are several factors that impact the Road Department's winter operations and response to the winter snow and ice season. Meeting the expectations of our community members is both challenging and satisfying. The 140 miles of Township roadways are divided into nine snow routes. Our plow drivers take pride in serving you and strive to do an outstanding job of servicing the roads. To maintain service readiness, our mechanics may be called upon to support fleet readiness for unforeseen circumstances. While equipment for snow and ice

removal is routinely maintained and prepared well in advance of the snow and ice season, it is not uncommon for trucks, salt equipment and plows themselves to experience difficulties during use.

I want to share the roadway clearing priority guidelines with you.

Priority 1. Main roads are plowed first. These streets will continue to receive treatment if weather conditions continue. Blowing snow and treacherous road conditions can require continued treatment.

Priority 2. Residential streets and cul-de-sacs will be serviced once Priority 1 streets are cleared.

Priority 3. Centers of cul-de-sacs will be last due to the time involved in clearing them.

In addition, private residential and commercial streets, as well as streets in other jurisdictions like State and County roadways, are not treated by Perry Township. Subdivision streets not under the jurisdiction of Perry Township will not be treated.

Several roads within Perry Township are maintained by other public entities. Listed below are the roads and telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for maintenance, repair and snow & ice control.

- 12th Street NW: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Albrecht St. SW: Massillon City/(Snow & Ice Control Only) 330-833-5746
- Carmont Ave. NW (North of US Route 30): Massillon City 330-833-5746
- Carmont Ave. SW (US 30 South to Fohl Rd. SW): Stark County Engineers 330-477-6781
- Candell Ave. SW: Massillon City/(Snow & Ice Control Only) 330-833-5746
- Cincinnati St. SW: Massillon City 330-833-5746
- Erie Ave. South: ODOT 330-452-0365
- Faircrest Ave. SW (Richville to Sherman Church): Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Fohl Rd. (Sherman Church to Kemary): Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Hankins St. NW: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Idlecrest Ave. SW: Massillon City/(Snow & Ice Control Only) 330-833-5746
- Kayview St. SW: Massillon City/(Snow & Ice Control Only) 330-833-5746
- Navarre Rd: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Nave St. SW: Massillon City (Corp. Line to Erie St.) 330-833-5746
- Ordell Ave. SW Massillon City/(Snow & Ice Control Only) 330-833-5746
- Perry Drive SW & NW: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Richville Dr. (Navarre to Southway): Massillon City 330-833-5746
- Shepler Church Ave. SW: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- Sherman Church SW: Stark County Engineer 330-477-6781
- State Routes 21, 30 and 627: ODOT 330-452-0365

Snow Parking Ban: The Perry Township Board of Trustees has established a snow-parking ban on all Township streets whenever snow has accumulated, or is anticipated to accumulate, to a depth of two (2) or more inches. This ban is for the safety of our plow drivers, safety services/first responders and the traveling public. This will also increase the plow driver's ability to clear the roads at a faster pace. Vehicles parked in the street create inefficient and hazardous snow plowing conditions. Violation of the ban can cause your vehicle to be towed away and stored. Our snow parking ban will be advertised via Nixle, Social Media, and the Perry Township website: www.perrytwp.com.

On occasion, a plow truck may accidentally knock over a mailbox, either from the weight of the snow or the plow hitting it. Please fill out a mailbox complaint form-which is posted on the Perry Township Website (www.perrytwp.com). Look under the Road Department, and click on Mailbox Damage Complaint/Replacement Procedure and e-mail it to Rschalmo@perrytwp.com or mail it to the Road Department at 1500 Jackson Ave. S.W. Massillon, 44646. You may also call our office to inform us of the incident, our hours are Monday through Friday, 7a.m.-3p.m., at 330-832-7750.

In closing I wish you and yours a happy and healthy 2025. If I may ever be of service, please feel free to call me directly at 330-832-7750, Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm.

Yours in service,

John Wellman

It has been my honor to serve as your Public Works Director over the past 5 months. Our community deserves the very best. I look forward to planning for the future of Perry roadways and our park system. Perry Township... together we take pride!

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Andy Tormasi, Maintenance Specialist



Andy Tormasi has been a road maintenance specialist at the Perry Road Department for eighteen years, so he knows the job functions inside and out. He has seen a lot of changes over the years, and has adapted easily to each and every one of them. His attention to detail and problem solving help with road issues and deliver quality service to the residents. Andy is a team player, dependable, hard-working, and brings a great sense of humor to the department every day.

Andy and his lovely wife Susan are lifelong Perry residents. They have four grown sons. Andy loves to fish in his spare time. He is a staple to the Road Department.

Thank you, Andy, for all that you do!

Winter Safety Tips to Remember

Kindly move all vehicles out of the roadway and into private driveways during all snow and ice events. Please do not allow children to build or occupy snow forts near the edge of roadways. Place all trash cans in driveways and not in the roadways. Do not pile snow in front of the fire hydrants and properly secure your mailbox.

Please be advised that all basketball hoops that are in the road right of way need to be removed. We would like to inform you that the Road Department will not be responsible for any damages that may occur to the basketball hoop during snow and ice removal. However, if damage is done to any road equipment, you will be responsible for repairs.

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When you think of the health department, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Food safety? Vaccines? Water and Sewage? Vital statistics? Disease or outbreak response? Yes, your local health department provides all of those services, but it does not stop there. The list of available programs and resources at the Stark County Health Department is lengthy, and all are designed specifically to improve the health of our community. Here is a list of available resources:

- Diapers/Wipes/Period Products
- Maternal Home Visiting
- WIC
- Cribs for Kids/Safe Sleep
- Help to Quit Smoking
- Immunizations
- STD Screenings
- Birth Control and Contraception
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening
- Lead Testing
- Breastfeeding Support
- Narcan
- TB Skin Testing
- Child Car Seats and Car Seat Installation
- Medication Storage Safety
- Bike Helmets
- Food Resources
- Clothing Resources
- Housing Resources
- Health Insurance/CMH program
- Septic Homeowner Assistance Program
- Finding a Primary Care Doctor

- Finding Mental Health Care
- Finding Substance Use Treatment Care
- Employment Assistance
- Vision Screening/Eyeglasses Assistance

In addition to these direct client service programs, community level strategies are also a focus. Three main areas of focus include:

- The Child Fatality Review, Suicide Fatality Review, and Overdose Fatality Review Committees look at specifics surrounding those that died, makes recommendations that are community-based strategies to prevent further deaths.
- The Get Vaccinated Ohio-Public Health Initiative works to improve and sustain vaccination coverage for children in Ohio. This is a multi-disciplinary approach addressing quality assurance, disparities, provider resources, and data collection, to make informed decisions about public health practice in our community.
- Communicable disease surveillance and response is a routine and continuous process. These functions of early warning and program monitoring in disease surveillance are a structured approach to mitigate public health threats.

You don't have to remember all of the services offered at your local health department. You only have to remember to reach out when you need help or have questions.

Our office is located at 7235 Whipple Ave NW North Canton. Our phone number is 330-493-9904. Our website is found at starkhealth.org or accessed by the QR code. We are here to help!



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Building Department	330-451-1770	Kimble	800-201-0005
Canton-Stark County Crime Lab	330-484-4801	Republic Waste	800-247-3644
Dog License	330-451-7354	Waste Management/Canton	844-492-9417
Dog Warden	330-451-2343	Stark County Auditor Main Line	330-451-7357
Emergency Management Agency	330-451-3900	Auditor	330-451-7291
Fair Housing	330-451-7775	Appraisal Dept.	330-451-7085
Health Department	330-493-9904	Board of Revision	330-451-7998 or 330-451-7949
House Numbering	330-451-7843	Commercial Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV)	330-451-7294
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