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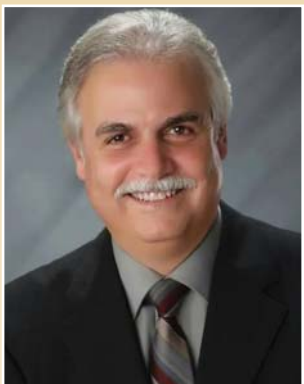
Your Perry Township Board of Trustees



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Repaving of Recycling Lot

The Board of Trustees have partnered with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Solid Joint District for several years in recycling efforts. The Board was recently awarded a \$30,000 paving grant for our recycling lot located next to the Township Administration office. There is a second recycling partnered site located at the corner of Perry Drive & Southway, and a third site located at the Road Department (1500 Jackson Ave. S.W.). We look forward to continue serving you and your family with all of your recycling efforts!



Coffee with a cop



Special thanks to Sheriff Maier & Team, along with Kristy Baumgarden, owner of Sweet T's Cafe (3214 Lincoln Way E., Massillon in Perry Township) for hosting an amazing "Coffee with a Cop!" Trustee, Lisa Nelligan was proud to present Acting Police Chief Chad Guist to our community. Several people stopped by to thank the officers for their service and to enjoy a delicious pastry. Perry Township is thankful for the many partnerships we share with the Sheriff and his extraordinary team! When you see an officer/first responder in our community, please respectfully thank them for their service.

National Wreaths Across America day: Saturday, December 17th, 2022



The mission is simple: Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom. In 2021 alone, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed over 2.4 million veterans' wreaths at over 3,100 locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Locally, a ceremony will take place at Calvary Cemetery, 3469 Lincoln Way East, on Saturday December 17th, at noon. This event is open to the public and we invite you to attend to honor our local heroes.

In 2021, the Perry Rotary Club met its goal and placed 2500 wreaths upon the graves of our veterans at Calvary Cemetery! With the assistance and donation from you or your business or organization, we are looking to meet this goal again and ensure that no veteran is forgotten. Each hand made, fresh, live wreath costs only \$15 to sponsor and is made in the United States with Maine balsam wood.

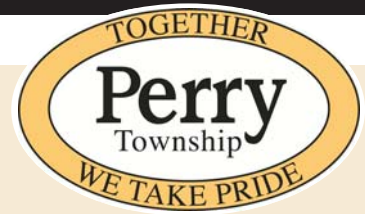
To make a donation on-line visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0278 or scan QR code

Please make checks payable to: Perry Rotary Club, PO Box 80371, Canton, Ohio 44708 or scan QR Code to the left to order. Deadline for orders is November 24, 2022.

On behalf of the Perry Rotary Club and local military families, I thank you for your participation in this patriotic event to honor all of those who have served our country.

Steve Toohey, Perry Rotary- Location Coordinator





An Update from the Board President

Happy Fall! I hope all of our residents are finding this newsletter helpful and informative. My fellow Trustees and I along with our department leaders are working to communicate information to our Perry Community that we hope you find useful.

It is important to our Board of Trustees to be transparent with our residents and community members. I am taking this opportunity to update you on some of the projects your Board of Trustees have been working on since January 2022.

In April 2022, the Board of Trustees voted to spend on \$3,467,015.77 to pave over 20 miles of road. This was a historic vote for the township, and all of us were excited about moving forward with this plan over the summer. We voted on using carryover monies from 2021, road and gas tax monies from 2022 budget and over \$1 million from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to fund this project. John Masalko, our Perry Road Superintendent along with Chris Young, Perry Assistant Road Superintendent, identified the roads that needed paved. These roads were rated based on many factors-age, condition and severity of the road and the location for safety services.

Did you know our township has over 150 miles of roads? Over the past couple of years, we have been able to pave about 7-9 miles of roads each year. Our initial call for bids in May contained an error, therefore, we had to rebid it out in July. When we received the second bid offerings, we were disappointed to see all the bids came back 10% or more higher than what the Board of Trustees approved. At this point, we had to review the list of roads, and reprioritize the list of roads we initially intended to pave. We sent the bid out for a third time in August and the Board of Trustees approved The Shelly Company to implement the 2022 paving program. Thankfully, we have had some decent paving weather which has afforded us the opportunity to pave the following streets; Nave St., Mason St., Floral St., Stardale Ave., Haag Ave., Jackson S.W., King St., Eddie Ave., Mulheim, Kropf, Hurless, Allenwood, Bracken, Surmay and Shermont.

OTHER STREETS? On October 10th, our road paving project began for 2022. We are hoping Mother Nature allows us to continue paving into November. The Shelly Company will be back at the plan for the approved roads starting middle of April or beginning of May to complete our road paving project. We will also look at additional roads to be paved in 2023 with the new budget season.

The Board worked with David Held and his team at Stark Tuscarawas Wayne Recycling and received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to help cover 65% of the paving next to the recycling center at Perry Township Administration Office. We were able to secure the lowest bid with Vasco Asphalt and they did a great job. I encourage you to stop by, drop off recycling, and enjoy the finished project. These types of partnerships with other organizations are crucial and will help us to continue to move our township forward to improve our facilities.

Your Board of Trustees have been reviewing our township parks. We have been evaluating our parks and looking at opportunities to improve our

parks. We have obtained \$300,000 from the State of Ohio's Capital Budget Grant to fix the drainage issues at Meredith Park, which will allow additional playing fields for our youth soccer. This work will begin in the spring of 2023. We have been working with Brandstetter Carroll Inc, an architect firm, to design restrooms at Summerdale and Perry Park. Currently, Brandstetter Carroll is working on a topographic survey for us at Perry Park to help identify unforeseen soil challenges where potential restrooms and pavilion may be built. We have heard from our residents the desire for a splash pad, additional playground equipment and additional pickleball courts at Perry Park. We have drainage issues at Perry Park and Summerdale that need to be addressed before we add any additional amenities. In 2023, we also are looking for opportunities at Fasnacht Farm and we look forward to focusing on this park. Our parks are funded out of our general fund therefore, we are committed to looking at potential grants and additional resources to help us fund the projects for our parks. We have met with local youth organizations and Stark Parks representatives to research what their goals are for their organizations and to determine how we can work together to accomplish those goals.

We have been working with Fire Chief Larry Sedlock on filling open positions within our fire department including the promotion of Mark Murphy as our fire inspector/educator and we are in the final stages of hiring a deputy chief. The Board is continuing to support Chief Sedlock as he continues to recruit new full-time firefighters. We recognize all of our crew members who have been working overtime to protect and serve our community.

In October of 2022, the Board of Trustees exercised their right in the dismissal of Chief Michael Pomesky under the Ohio Revised Code 505.49. The Board determined it was time to move the department in a different direction with leadership and management. The Board has begun the process of recruiting a new police chief. In the meantime, we are supporting our Acting Police Chief, Chad Guist as he has been leading our police department since August. We would like to thank Sergeant Burkey, Sergeant Barker, and Sergeant Fisher along with our entire police department for supporting Acting Chief Guist and the continued protection of our community.

The Board also accepted John Masalko's, Perry Road Superintendent, retirement letter effective February of 2023. We wish John all the best in the next stage of his life. We will begin recruiting for a new road superintendent immediately.

Finally, we had a successful Community Parade & Perry Township Oktoberfest in September, sponsored by Aqua Ohio, and organized by our Township Administrator, Joyce Martin. It was wonderful to visit with residents of all ages who came out to enjoy the day at Hartwick Park. Thank you to all of our vendors, volunteers and our township employees who joined in the fun.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Lisa Nelligan

ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

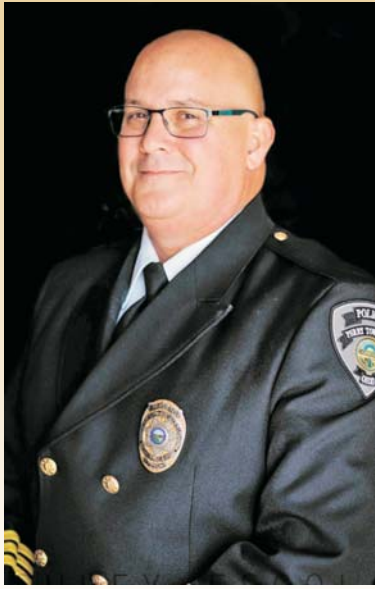


Joyce Martin
Township Administrator
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Engage in our Community!

We just celebrated our 8th Annual Community Parade & Oktoberfest. Everyone loves a parade and community events. Just another reason to celebrate being together again. There were smiles for miles being worn by parade participants and observers. Our Perry Community is filled with so many remarkable people who call Perry their home. Immediately following the parade, we stepped into the Oktoberfest at Hartwick Park where several business vendors, crafters, non-profit organizations, a petting zoo, balloon sculpture, food vendors were waiting to meet and greet our community members! Please come join us for future community celebrations. If you would like to volunteer for any of our upcoming community events, please visit www.perrytwp.com and complete an on-line volunteer form. If you have any suggestions as to what type of events you may enjoy having in our township, please complete and on-line administration form or call the township administration office at 330-833-2141. Special thanks to AQUA for sponsoring the Oktoberfest for the 8th year! As we transition into Fall, we wish you and yours health & happiness.





Acting Police Chief Chad Guist cguist@perrypolice.com • 330-478-5121

Members of the Perry Township Police Department would like to thank you for your continued support of our staff and department. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and Township Administrator Martin for entrusting me to this leadership role as Acting Chief of Police. I look forward to continuing working together with the officers, staff, and community members. Our goal is to continue protecting and serving the citizens of Perry Township with the utmost professionalism and courtesy.

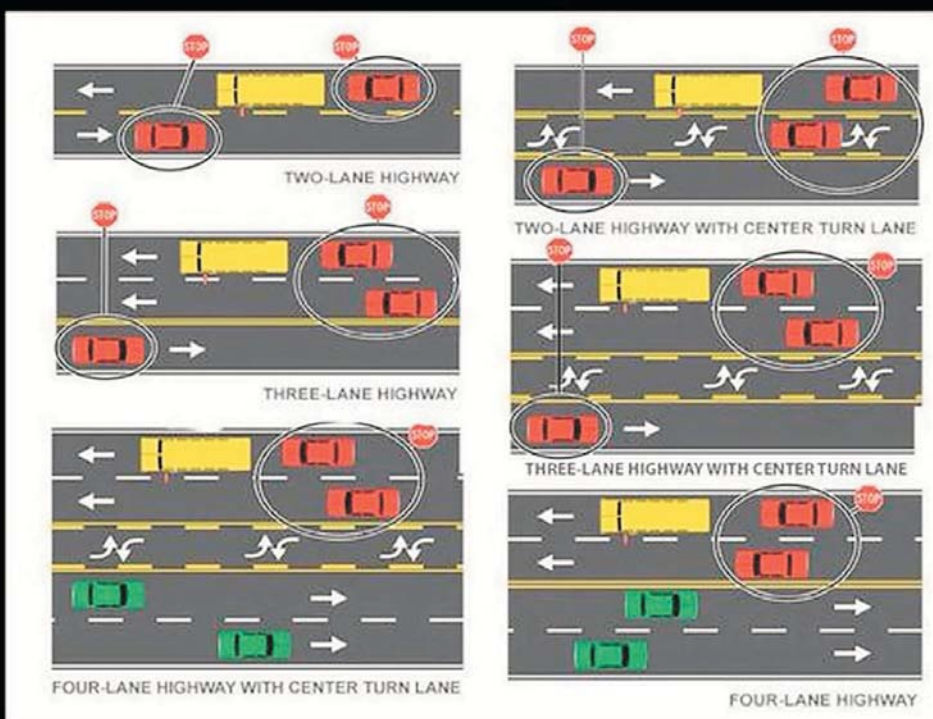
With the holidays right around the corner, people will be doing more shopping and the roadways also become quite busy. Please take it slow and be

courteous to others while driving, shopping, or enjoying a night out with your family or friends.

With all of us getting used to the new design and lane markings at the intersection of Tuscarawas Street West and Perry Drive, be sure to take your time while navigating through the intersection.

Schools are in full swing and just a reminder that signs and/or flashing lights are posted for the speed restrictions and times. During these times, the speed limit is 20 MPH. Also, the diagram below is a helpful tool for when you are allowed and not allowed to pass a stopped school bus.

School Bus Safety Reminder



Ohio Revised Code: 4511.75 Stopping for stopped school bus

Those who violate school bus traffic stop laws may receive a \$500 fine and could have their driver's license suspended for no longer than listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4510.02, which describes the lengths and classes of suspensions.



Those who violate school bus traffic laws must attend a court hearing in person.



We're Hiring Police Officers

Perry Township Police continue looking for qualified applicants for police officer vacancies within our department. If you or anyone you may know who is interested can drop off their resume at the department anytime or e-mail it directly to cguist@perrypolice.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Officer Dan Dale



Officer Dale has been a member of the Perry Police Department since September 2008. Officer Dale is a member of the Canton Regional SWAT Team. This team is on call 24 hours a day and responds at a moment's notice to numerous types of calls, including barricaded suspects, armed suspects, and wanted felony suspects, just to name a few. Officer Dale is currently assigned to the midnight shift patrol and is well-rounded in OVI investigations, traffic crash investigations and often takes it upon himself to investigate his own cases that normally would be assigned to our Detective Bureau. Thank you, Officer Dale, for all your hard work and dedication!

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Owner Michael Nolan acquired the 13-acre property in 2020, naming it Nolan Nursery & Farms. As a landscaper in the Stark County area for more than 25 years, He saw the purchase of the former Barbato Flower & Greenhouse as an asset to his existing landscaping and lawn service company.

Nolan Nursery is a four-season operation. The season dictates the number of our crew members which can vary with as few as five to a full crew of ten or more, part-time and fulltime staff. We are always accepting applications for both the Nursery and the Landscaping companies.

When the property was acquired, it had been dormant for some time. The challenges faced were significant. Structures and internal working mechanisms such as drip line systems were inoperative. The first season open was Winter with the decision made to move the sale of Christmas trees from the fairgrounds to the nursery. That was a fairly easy transition and they were very thankful that customers followed them.

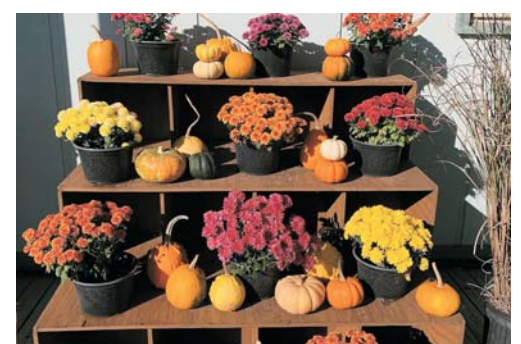
The following year they skipped the combined Spring and Summer seasons to work on infrastructure and to prepare for the Fall season. Beginning then and to this day they hand plant,

water, and fertilize all plants while also maintaining farm land located in Hartville and the acreage behind the Nursery where they grow pumpkins. Learning the “ins and outs” of a retail business, one that had some relationship to the landscaping business, was familiar and yet so different. But they made it happen and are into their first four-season year.

“We love the community. They have been so supportive. Because the Nursery was such a staple to the Township for decades, we have enjoyed wonderful stories and memories of the past and appreciate the welcome and encouragement that we’ve received toward our success.”, Nolan says. “We do accept pre-orders for our Winter season. A staple of the season, besides our beautiful trees, are the wreaths, swags, and memorial pieces we design and make in-house from our fresh tree cuttings.”

Thank you to the Perry Township community. All of us at Nolan Nursery & Farms look forward to meeting you and serving you in the months ahead.

– Michael Nolan, Owner and Operator
– Caroline Orr, Business Manager
– Katie Foster, Nursery Manager



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

Summer has slipped away all too soon. However beautiful Fall is upon us providing crisp air, amazing colorful foliage, and of course Fall sports. This is the perfect time of the year to slip on your favorite sweatshirt and get outside to enjoy the gorgeous weather. Personally, it is my favorite time of the year.

Regardless of what you are doing to enjoy this fantastic time of the year, rest assured that your fire department is here to assist you if the need arises. The men and women of the department are dedicated to protecting you and our community as we strive to provide you with exceptional customer service.

Additionally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your continued support of our fire department. Without your generosity, we would not have the latest lifesaving equipment and fire apparatus. In addition to equipment, our department is moving forward by adding new personnel to our roster to ensure we have adequate staffing to meet our rising call demands. Again, this is only possible because of you.

With that, I sincerely hope you and your family safely enjoy Autumn as we will soon be shivering and shoveling.

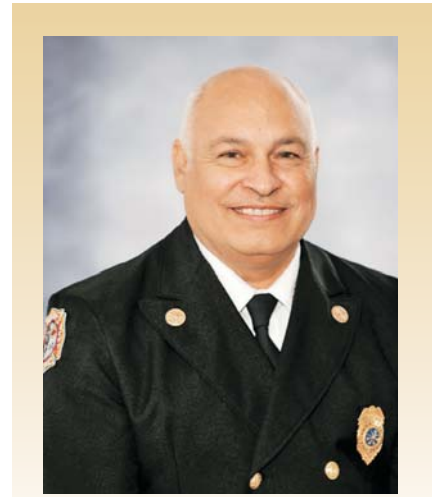
*Sincerely,
Fire Chief Larry S. Sedlock*



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To the left are just a couple examples of how your tax dollars are being utilized.



Recreational Fire Safety

As Fall has arrived, so has something that many of us enjoy, recreational fires. There's nothing like sitting around a fire with family and friends making hotdogs just like you like them, roasting marshmallows, or making a tasty s'more.

However, with fire comes the potential for danger. Recreational fire accidents send thousands to the emergency room each year. Anytime we are going to enjoy a fire with family and friends we need to make fire safety a priority.

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 ft. of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 ft. of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition (Ohio Fire Code).
- The fire size should be 3 ft. or less in diameter and 2 ft. or less in height.
- Choose an open, level location and clear away any dry leaves and sticks, overhanging branches, and shrubs.
- Keep the fire small and controlled. Never leave it unattended.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. Instead, use a match or lighter to ignite tinder (small twigs and dry leaves); add larger sticks and pieces of dry wood.
- Do not stand too close to the fire or play around it, and do not attempt to jump over it. Keep an eye on children and pets.
- Keep a hose, a bucket of water, or a shovel and dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire once finished. Be sure the fire is completely out before leaving the site – any remaining embers could ignite, with disastrous consequences.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

If you are a Perry resident, get your FREE smoke detectors by either calling Fire Administration (330) 833-3865 or by going on the Perry Township webpage and clicking on the "Request Smoke Alarms" located under the Fire Department. We even install them FREE of charge when it is convenient for you! If you don't have any or yours are over 10 years old, call us and let us protect you!



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FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mark Murphy

Fire Prevention Officer Mark Murphy is a veteran of the Perry Township Fire Department. For 28 years he has been protecting our residents and those who visit our community.

Mark has recently taken on the role of our Fire Prevention Officer. He is out in our community daily assisting our businesses by keeping them safe with fire safety inspections and fire extinguisher training. He is also very active in our schools by teaching students fire safety.

In addition to being a Firefighter and an EMT, he also holds certifications as a Fire Safety Inspector, and Arson Investigator.

When not serving our residents, Mark is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys fishing and camping with his sons. Mark also likes spending time doing woodworking projects.



The Perry Township History Club



THE PERRY TOWNSHIP HISTORY CLUB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that exists for preservation of the history of Perry Township and the restoration of the 1893 Genoa School House, located at 539 Genoa Ave. S.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646. This schoolhouse is the only one room school still standing in Perry Township, Stark County.

How can you help or become active with The Perry Township History Club? We offer a very affordable yearly membership with fees starting at low as \$20. As a member you can participate in meetings and events such as our Pancake Breakfast, Apple Butter making and selling, restoration committee and so much more. You can learn from our speakers and presenters about local historical topics by attending our monthly meetings.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are closing in on completing the restoration of the 1893 Genoa one room schoolhouse and could use some financial assistance. As you all know, the price of materials has gone up immensely in the last few years and we are asking for your support through donations. As a Non-Profit 501(c)(3), all donations are tax deductible. We would like to start a fundraising drive to help us complete this project and open the building to the public. Please visit our website at www.perryhistoryclub.org.



Genoa School House

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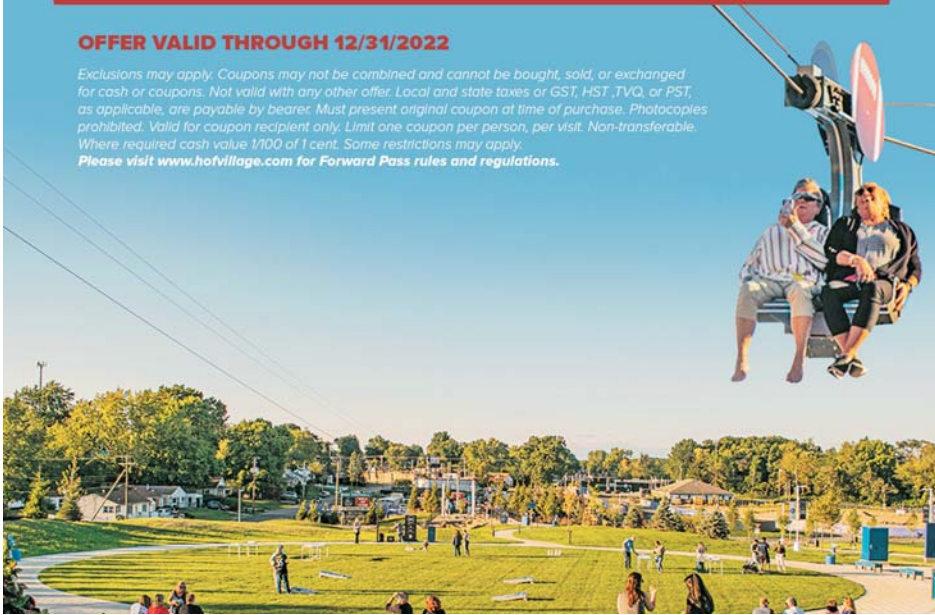
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As the leaves begin to fall, please remember that the road department has our leaf drop off program running from October 15 to November 20th that will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the road department facility at 1500 Jackson Ave S.W. The road paving program for 2022 is under way, with the largest program in the history of the Township, that was in excess of 3.4 million dollars. The 2022 Paving of Various Streets project had an error in the first bid package and was re-bid. Due to high oil prices the bids we received were higher than anticipated therefore, we had to adjust our list of roads we initially wanted to pave. The Board of Trustees approved the Shelly company to perform the 2022 paving program. Due to some good weather, we have been able get a start on the paving project and we plan to finish up in spring of 2023. We are now planning for our snow and ice season with 3,000 tons of de-icing materials in surplus with more being re-ordered in the coming months. Our new dump truck that was ordered in 2021 is still on back order.

If you have any questions about the road or park services, please feel free to call the Road Department at 330-832-7750 Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is our pleasure to serve you.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Rick Miller

Rick Miller has been employed with the Perry Township Parks Department since March of 2021. Rick's worth ethic is extraordinary. He is the ultimate Team Player! Rick's positive attitude, personality and friendly smile make him incredibly unique. He has been a huge asset in helping run the yard waste site this season. Rick is also responsible for the weekly inspections within our park system. This included making sure park equipment is properly maintained, benches reconditioned and painted, and many other duties to make sure our parks continue to be safe for you and your family.

Rick and his delightful wife Melanie are the proud owners of Family Memorials located in Perry Township. They are actively involved in our community and have been in business for 20 years. And together they have 20 adorable grandchildren. We thank you Rick for your hard work and dedication to our township. We appreciate you!



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Bill Huff

Bill Huff has been a Road Maintenance Specialist for five years. Bill is respected by his fellow employees and has a strong work ethic. Bill is dedicated and assists with snow and ice call outs, installing culverts, mowing, sweeping, ditches, etc. His outgoing personality, dependability, and positive attitude are a great asset to the road department. Bill and his wife Teresa have been married for 36 years and together they have a daughter. Bill has been a hot rod enthusiast for years and buys, builds, and sells old cars. Thank you, Bill for being such a wonderful and appreciated part of our Road Department Team!

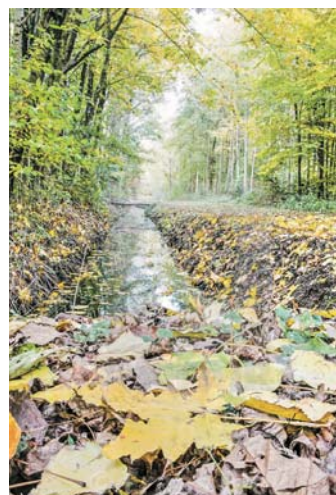


LEAF DROP OFF TIMES

Leaf drop off at the Perry Township road garage runs from
OCTOBER 15TH, 2022 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed on Veteran's Day, November 11th, 2022



Prevent Drainage Problems

To help prevent drainage problems, please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings or other debris into storm sewers, ditches or streets. It is up to the homeowner to rake their leaves out of their ditches. It is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts, or catch basins. If you see illegal dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.



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Fall is upon us and for many homeowners that means outdoor tasks of planting flowers, vegetable gardens and mowing grass has been replaced with raking leaves... lots and lots of leaves. Often the leaves in your yard come from trees which are not in your yard. Keep in mind there are no zoning regulations which address this issue. The wind will blow and leaves will often travel; simply rake them up and throw them out with your regular grass clippings or other yard waste. Though unwanted leaves may create a little extra work for you, might I suggest using the time outdoors to enjoy the beauty of the changing foliage!

Zoning Certificates and County Building Permits



Business owners and residents alike who want to build a new building for a business, add an addition onto their home or place a storage building on their property will need either a zoning certificate (also called a zoning permit), a county building permit, or sometimes both depending on the scope of the project.

Current or desired land use is also governed by local zoning regulations. Residents and business owners are subject to these regulations but also have an opportunity to seek special concessions (known as a Variance) on land use and current zoning.

Zoning Certificates are specifically related to local requirements within the township. The county building permits, however, deal with a series of statewide uniform regulations and codes which go beyond the local zoning regulations.

Often a zoning certificate and also a county or even state permit will be required for the job you have in mind. Failure to obtain these permits may result in penalties such as fines, so it is very important that you do your research to determine any and all needed permits. Please email me if you require assistance in this process at jwhytsell@perrytwp.com.

Finally, be sure you contact your local zoning authority or the county BEFORE you begin a project. Failure to tackle your project methodically could result in delays, additional inspections or even having your project shut down indefinitely.



Visible Address Signs

You may be aware the fire department provides the blue reflective address signs for your home. These signs not only assist fire and EMS responders in the event of an emergency, but also make it easy to find your address for zoning inspections. If you have completed an approved project and need a final inspection or simply would like a zoning official to meet you on location to review your plans for a project, having these address signs make finding your home or business a snap! You may contact the Perry Township Fire Department to get an address sign, and remember, they are free.



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Tina DeSimone

Tina is the proud mother to an adult son and grandmother to two grandsons. Tina enjoys working within the Perry community, and she thinks the folks in Perry Township are amazing. Tina enjoys her co-workers and describes them as



compassionate, kind, and

dedicated to the residents and businesses of the township. In her free time Tina enjoys spending time with family and friends visiting new places such as wineries, restaurants and shopping! Tina wants you to know that she has a compassion for people with disabilities, as she lives with MS, but doesn't let it slow her down. You may hear Tina's friendly voice when you call the Township Administration office. Tina's kindness and strong work ethic makes her a wonderful addition to our Township Administration office.

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