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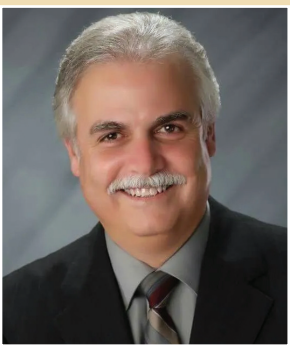
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A Message from Trustee Matt Miller

Here we are in the home stretch of 2025. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a few township projects, both in progress and coming up in 2026.

FASNACHT

It's been a long time coming, but we are finally getting some movement with Fasnacht Park. There is a lot of history behind this project. Over the years there have been plans for the property that have come and gone, but this time we have some grant funding to get things started. So, by the time you are reading this there should be evidence of farming activity on the property and possible construction of a new entrance off Jackson Avenue leading to a parking lot near the community gardens. As for community assets on the property, community gardens will continue, and we will start with simple improvements. The first being a mowed trail. Seed is in the ground and that is optimistically planned to be ready in the Spring of 2026. The farming will continue for several years to allow for long-term planning & fundraising for the park.

LINCOLN WAY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This is a hot topic and one that we have been putting a great deal of attention to. Here are a few of the pieces to this puzzle that have been moving into place.

First, after a long & thoughtful process we have a completed Comprehensive Master Plan from Stark County Region Planning. The Lincoln Way Corridor was a point of emphasis for this plan. This establishes a foundation to guide the implementation of policy, decisions around land-use, and grants to pursue.

Included in the Master Plan is the establishment of Architectural Standards for both commercial and residential developments. This is one of the pieces addressing the aesthetics, not only along Lincoln Way, but throughout the township. This breeds a larger conversation about increasing the functionality & utilization of our Zoning Commission to be a larger part of Economic Development.

ANNEXATION

Hotter yet is the topic of annexation. There is too much information surrounding this issue to cover everything in this article, however all of the information is readily available at Ohio.gov. Specifically, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 709. This chapter lays out the different types of annexation, the qualifications, and process for a municipality to annex property from a township.

Keep in mind there are different types of annexation, and they have varying amounts of financial impact on the township. For example: With a Type-2 Annexation, when the property owner signs an agreement with the city to be annexed (possibly due to the city refusing to provide hookup to the water utility) and the conditions for annexation are met, the annexation will be approved by

the County Commissioners. This variety of annexation, commonly referred to as a Type 2 annexation would result in the city's ability to collect income tax while the township retains the property tax.

Being reactive is not a strategy to address annexation. Agreements between the township and its neighbors can be leveraged to provide a hedge against annexation. We have already proposed terms for an agreement to the City of Canton but have yet to receive a response. The evaluation of both temporary and permanent solutions will be a point of emphasis in 2026.



FINISHING THE RACE

I don't believe we ever stop growing or learning as long as we have breath in our lungs, so the concept of "finishing" 2025 is somewhat moot. However, to fight against complacency, I also live by the idea that you either get better or worse, you never stay the same. Collectively, Perry Township has gotten better year after year. We are not without struggles and challenges, but our gains far outweigh our deficits. Each of our departments have a culture and working-environment that is on the rise. It is evident by the increasing quality of our applicants. That improvement is a product of the strengthening leadership of our staff.

We must surround our organization with good people to cast a vision for the future of Perry Township, but if it is kept to our four walls we will be limited. To exceed expectations, to punch above our weight, it will take more than great township employees. We will only go as far as our community members will take us.

Complaining is cathartic. Commenting on a post, jumping on a bandwagon is easy and might even feel good for the moment...but taking action is transformative, rewarding, and longer lasting.

The call to action is simple... Do. You're busy? That's okay, volunteer. You're passionate about a topic? That's great, lead.

Want to get involved? Contact me and let's get started. We are tough. We are true. We are Perry.

Matt Miller

A Message from Trustee Lisa Nelligan

Our Road Department has been hard at work this year, making progress on road projects, upgrading equipment, and preparing for the winter season. While funding challenges have limited the amount of paving we could complete, our crew has stayed focused on keeping Perry Township roads safe and well-maintained.

2025 ROAD PROJECTS

Despite limited funding after one levy expired and several failed levy attempts, we were able to complete or will soon complete:

- Saratoga Water Main Project (with City of Canton)
- Whipple Ave SW from W. Tuscarawas to 13th SW (with City of Canton)
- Kropf Ave SW Repair

SUMMER 2025 WORK STATISTICS

- Residential culverts: 25
- Lateral repairs: 3
- Catch basin repairs: 10
- Asphalt used: 52 tons



EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director John Wellman has led a thorough review of our equipment needs. We've traded in or sold what no longer works, and we're standardizing equipment so attachments and tools can be shared across machines, saving money and improving safety for our employees.



Some key updates:

- Purchased instead of rented: Equipment we used to rent is now ours, reducing long-term costs.
- Sign making machine: Thanks to a donation from the McKinley Eagles, we can now make signs in-house instead of outsourcing. The team is also gearing up to begin replacing worn street signs.
- Pipe inspection camera: Having our own equipment means we can inspect culverts and pipes right away without costly rentals.
- New skid steer and roller: These allow the crew to tackle larger patching jobs and improve rough spots more effectively.
- Trucks: Two ARPA-funded trucks are now in service, along with a new chassis being upfitted locally.



PREPARING FOR WINTER

Our crew is also getting ready for winter:

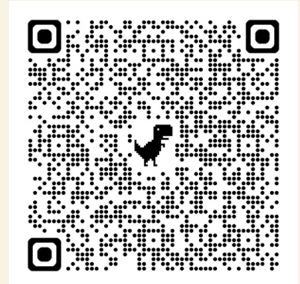
- Salt has been stockpiled.
- Plows are being inspected.
- New trucks are being outfitted.
- Two older trucks are being sold.
- Crew members are finishing vacation time, so they are ready for 24/7 winter coverage.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are proud of the strategic and fiscally responsible investments made this year. These improvements won't replace the need for long-term paving solutions and increased funding, but they allow us to address immediate concerns and provide safer, more reliable service for residents.

In addition, we are looking to establish a Road Advisory Group made up of dedicated residents and local business owners who can provide input and make recommendations on road priorities, funding and improvements. This will give the community a stronger voice in shaping the future of our township's infrastructure. If you're interested in volunteering for this group, please complete an application by using the QR code to the right or this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/JNNpgqkdWt>



Thank you to our Road Department team for their dedication--and let's all hope for a mild winter in Perry Township!

Lisa Nelligan

Upcoming Office Closures:

Perry Township offices and the yard waste site will close in observance of the following holidays:

October 13, 2025 for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 11, 2025 for Veterans Day

November 27-28, 2025 for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25, 2025 for Christmas Day



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Perry Township Expands Transparency, Website and Access to Services

Perry Township is continuing its commitment to open government and community engagement by making it easier than ever for residents to stay informed and access township services.

Over the past several months, the Township has introduced **new ways for residents to follow local decisions and updates**. Regular Trustee meetings are now livestreamed, giving residents the ability to watch discussions and decisions in real time from home or on the go. Following each meeting, the Township also issues press releases summarizing key actions and decisions. These updates, along with other important announcements, are shared on the **Perry Township Facebook page**, helping residents stay connected and informed.

Looking ahead, Perry Township is launching a **major website update** project to make information and services easier to find. The new design will include clearer navigation, mobile-friendly access, and updated features for online requests and payments. As part of this effort, the Township will soon begin **accepting credit card payments**, offering residents more flexibility when paying for permits, services, and other fees.

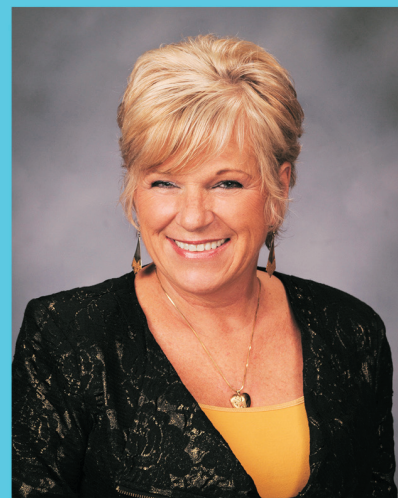
Our goal is to make Perry Township more accessible and transparent than ever. We want residents to be able to find what they need quickly, stay informed about decisions, and feel connected to their local government.

As the new website takes shape, the Township is also asking for help from the community. Residents are invited to share high-resolution photos of their favorite parts of Perry Township—whether it's a park, event, scenic view, or local landmark—to be featured on the new site. Photos can be emailed to office@perrytwp.com.

Together, these efforts reflect Perry Township's ongoing dedication to **transparency, accessibility, and community pride**.



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Hello Everyone,

After a hot, dry summer, it's refreshing to feel the crisp autumn air. The leaves are turning, the pool toys are packed away, and gardening tools are heading back into storage. That can only mean one thing – fall is here, and winter is coming.

We had a busy and rewarding summer, proudly participating in several community events, including: P.R.I.D.E. Program, Safety Town, and Cookout with the Cops (with our partners at Perry Police); Career Day at Perry High School; Community Safety Day; Memorial Day events; The Hero Run; Ice Cream and a Movie night at Hartwick Park; Flag Display at Canton Baptist Temple; The Exceptional Olympics – a highlight of our summer! (The kids loved climbing the fire trucks).

All of this was done while continuing to respond to emergency calls and train consistently, so we're always ready to serve you at the highest level.

Fall Plans: The Fire Department's calendar is already filling up! As the school year gets underway, we will be busy providing fire safety education in our local schools and fire extinguisher training for businesses and nursing homes

Building a Stronger Team: Behind the scenes, we've been working hard to recruit and hire top-tier full-time firefighters. These new additions will improve consistency in service, strengthen training and provide greater departmental stability. This is part of our ongoing effort to modernize and improve, even during challenging times for fire departments across the country.

Thank You: None of this would be possible without your continued support. Your generosity helps us maintain our life-saving equipment, emergency vehicles & fire apparatus, as well as a professional, dedicated team. Because you're here for us, we're always ready to be there for you. Wishing you a safe, colorful, and peaceful fall season!

Sincerely, Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

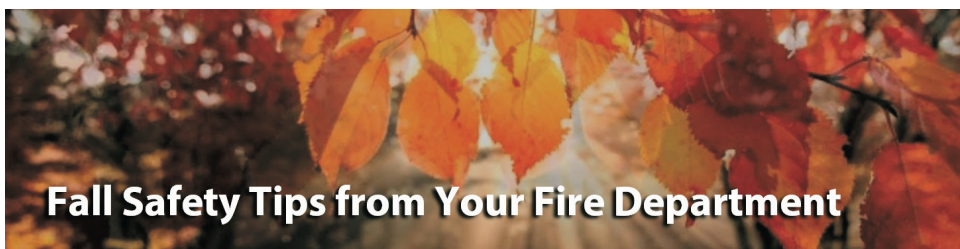
FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Jason Tate

Jason joined our fire department as a part-time Firefighter/EMT in 2022 and was hired full-time in 2025.

He moved to Ohio in 2011 with his parents, both of whom had served in the military, after spending much of his childhood living abroad. Before beginning his fire service career, Jason worked as a chef in restaurants across the United States. He earned an associate's degree in dietary management and worked in several settings, including nursing homes, where he met his wife, Krystal. He later became an executive chef at a craft brewery, but when COVID forced many Ohio restaurants to close, Jason was laid off. That challenge opened the door to a new opportunity—pursuing his longtime goal of helping others. With his wife's encouragement, he began his path in the fire service and now serves as a full-time Firefighter/EMT at Perry Township.

In addition to his role as a Firefighter/EMT, Jason is a certified Fire Safety Inspector and Hazmat Technician, serving on both the Stark County and Summit County hazmat teams.



Fall Safety Tips from Your Fire Department

Fireplace Safety: Before lighting your first cozy fire of the season, have your fireplace cleaned and inspected. Built-up soot and creosote can cause chimney fires and carbon monoxide buildup.

- Keep decorations away from the fire
- Clear the area around the fireplace
- Always have a fire extinguisher nearby

Candle Caution: Candles add a warm glow, but they can easily start a fire.

- Keep away from flammable items like curtains and books
- Never leave burning candles unattended
- Keep out of reach of children and pets

Heating System Check: Get your furnace or heating system professionally inspected. It improves efficiency, catches small problems early, and helps prevent carbon monoxide leaks.

Pro tip: Schedule now before peak season hits.

Outdoor Cleanup Safety: Prepping your yard? Use caution with leaf blowers and tools.

- Wear hearing protection and safety glasses
- Clear leaves and debris to prevent slips and falls
- Store tools safely after use

Planning a backyard fire? Follow these safety rules...

- Distance: At least 25 feet from structures
- Fuel: Only dry, seasoned firewood – no leaves, brush, or treated wood
- Size: Maximum of 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide
- Timing: In spring and fall, fires can't start before 6:00 PM
- Supervision: Always attend the fire with extinguishing equipment ready

Ladder Safety: Cleaning gutters or hanging decorations?

- Work with a partner to stabilize the ladder
- Keep your body centered – **do not overreach**
- Reposition the ladder instead of stretching

Stay Healthy This Season: Protect yourself and others by getting your Flu, COVID, and Pneumonia vaccines early in the fall. These shots help your body build immunity before viruses peak – especially important for older adults and those with health conditions.

Your safety is our priority. Taking a few simple precautions now can help you and your family enjoy a safe, warm, and healthy autumn.

Equipment Spotlight: Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fill Station and Compressor



Stationary containment fill station



Breathing air compressor

A self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) fill station and compressor are essential pieces of equipment for fire departments, ensuring firefighters always have access to a reliable supply of clean, high-pressure breathing air when responding to emergencies.

The compressor system is responsible for refilling SCBA cylinders to exact specifications, providing consistent performance, and making sure air bottles are ready for use at a moment's notice.

The fill station itself adds an important layer of safety by enclosing the cylinders during refilling, protecting personnel in the unlikely event of a malfunction or cylinder failure. These systems not only safeguard the health and well-being of firefighters but also increase operational efficiency by reducing downtime between calls and allowing departments to maintain readiness throughout extended incidents.

Modern SCBA fill stations and compressors are designed to meet strict NFPA and OSHA standards, ensuring that the air firefighters breathe is of the highest quality and free from harmful contaminants. Many units also feature advanced monitoring systems, filtration technology, and automated controls that improve reliability while reducing the workload on personnel.

By combining safety, efficiency, and compliance, SCBA fill stations and compressors play a critical role in supporting daily operations, training exercises, and long-term departmental readiness, ultimately helping firefighters perform their duties more effectively and return home safely after every call. These specialized pieces of equipment are housed at Station 2.

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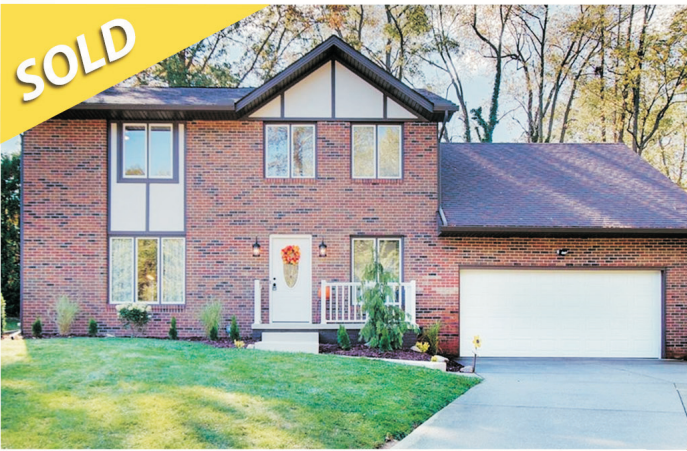
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Safety This Fall

All seasons change here in Perry Township, so do the challenges we face on the road and in our neighborhoods. With fall upon us and daylight savings time just around the corner, I'd like to take a moment to share a few important safety reminders with our community.

Daylight Savings Time: When the clocks change, it can take time for our bodies and our routines to adjust. Please remember to get plenty of rest and stay alert behind the wheel.

Driving with the Sun Glare

This time of year, the rising and setting sun aligns with many of our busiest commuting hours. The glare can be blinding, especially when traveling to and from work. Keep a good pair of sunglasses handy, use your sun visor, and maintain extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead. A few extra seconds of caution can prevent an accident.

Changing Weather Conditions

Fall often brings slick leaves, wet roads, and foggy mornings. Slow down, give yourself extra stopping distance, and be mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, and children walking to school or bus stops.

TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY

Halloween is one of the most exciting nights of the year for our children, but it also means extra responsibility for both drivers and families.

For Drivers: Please, slow down in neighborhoods, especially during the event hours when trick-or-treaters are out. Stay alert for children crossing streets.

For Parents: Add reflective tape, glow sticks, or flashlights to costumes and treat bags so kids are easy to see. Remind children to use sidewalks, cross at corners or crosswalks, and never go to a house that does not have its lights on. When you return home, take a few minutes to look over all treats before children eat them. Discard anything that looks tampered with, has damaged wrapping, or isn't factory sealed.

Also, keep your eyes open for our officers who will be out in the community passing out candy and enjoying the evening alongside our residents. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's costumes!

At the Perry Township Police Department, our mission is to keep you and your families safe in every season. By working together and looking out for one another, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable fall for all.

Warm regards, *Chief Taylor*

WELCOME NEW OFFICERS

The Perry Township Police Department is proud to announce the addition of three outstanding officers to our team. Each brings unique strengths, backgrounds, and community values that will enhance our mission of serving and protecting Perry Township.

Officer Jaiden Malone was officially sworn in on June 17, 2025. A native of Dalton, Ohio, Officer Malone recently graduated from the University of Akron Police Academy. His commitment to law enforcement will serve our residents well as he begins his career here in Perry Township.



Officer Malone

Officer Anthony Nicholson joined the department on August 5, 2025. From Alliance, Ohio, Officer Nicholson is a proud Ohio State Buckeyes and Cleveland Browns fan. When he isn't in uniform, he enjoys golfing and spending time with his wife and their dog. His enthusiasm for teamwork and community involvement makes him a valuable addition to our department, and he is excited and eager to build positive relationships with our residents and businesses.



Officer Nicholson (center)

Officer Devin Lyons was sworn in on August 19, 2025. A proud graduate of Massillon Washington High School, Officer Lyons takes pride in serving the community near where he grew up. He and his wife, a Stark County Sheriff's Deputy, are raising a young son here in Stark County. Officer Lyons is passionate about Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) training, fishing, and hiking. His local ties and dedication to public service bring a strong sense of community to the department.



Officer Lyons

As we welcome these three new officers, we are reminded of the importance of trust, respect, and collaboration between law enforcement and the people we serve. Perry Township residents can be confident that Officers Malone, Nicholson, and Lyons will uphold the values of integrity, professionalism, and service that define our department.

Please join us in welcoming these officers as they begin their journey with the Perry Township Police Department. We look forward to the positive impact they will have on our community.

Welcoming Officer Vanest as Perry High's New School Resource Officer

Join us in congratulating Officer Darren Vanest, who has been selected as the School Resource Officer at Perry High School!



Darren Vanest

A proud Perry alum, Officer Vanest is excited to return to his alma mater – this time to support students, staff, and families. He looks forward to giving back to the community that shaped him and to building strong connections with today's Perry students.

Welcome back, Officer Vanest! Once a Panther, always a Panther. We're excited for the positive impact you'll make.

Thank You for an Incredible Cookout with Cops!

What an amazing day spent with our community! The Perry Township Police Department is thrilled to share that the annual Cookout with Cops was a huge success, bringing together neighbors, families, community partners, and officers for a day of fun, food, and friendship. None of it would have been possible without the incredible support of our sponsors, partners, and volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Perry Spirited Seniors
- Perry High School
- Perry Township Road, Zoning, and Administration
- Falcone's Tavern
- Perry Nutrition
- Canal Fulton Provisions
- Perry Nutrition
- Shearer's
- Frito Lay
- The McKinley Eagles
- All for Fun Inflatables
- Diehl Automotive
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Thanks to you, this event wasn't just a cookout-it was a celebration of community spirit. From children playing and families gathering, to officers connecting with residents, the day was filled with memories to remind us why Perry Township is such a special place to live and serve.

We are grateful to every single person and partner who helped make this event possible. Together, we created a day of laughter, connection, and community pride. We can't wait to see you all again next year!





Perry Township Celebrates Oktoberfest with Parade, Food, Fun & Community Spirit

Perry Township came alive September 20th with its annual **Oktoberfest** celebration after the **Rotary Parade**, bringing neighbors together for food, music, games, and a whole lot of fun. The community showed up in force, making the day a memorable success.

The festivities featured a delicious lineup of food vendors serving local favorites. Our DJ had toes tapping throughout the afternoon while kids and families enjoyed games and activities tailored for all ages – from animal demonstrations, face-painting and balloon animals to crafts.

Attendees also got a chance to connect with township leadership, and local partners were on hand to share resources and support for community programs and local businesses. The event underscored Perry Township’s commitment to fostering community – reminding everyone that gathering like this helps strengthen neighborhood ties.

In all, the 2025 Oktoberfest was a triumph: great food, happy faces, and a sense of pride in what Perry Township can do when we come together. We look forward to even bigger celebrations in the years ahead!



Grants Awarded

The Perry Township Police Department is proud to announce that we were awarded the IDEP/STEP grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office in the total amount of \$49,556.38.

- “IDEP”- Impaired Driving Enforcement Program: \$24,028.19
- “STEP”- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program: \$25,528.19

The grant period is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. This grant is paid on a reimbursement basis after monthly reports are completed.



These high visibility traffic grants are designed to create a deterrence and change unlawful traffic behaviors. We are proud to have received this grant and look forward to providing additional traffic enforcement to help keep the Perry Township community safe.

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ROAD & PARKS DEPT. UPDATE



John Wellman
Public Works Director



Director's Message

Hello and happy fall. A few items of note... We received the two new dump trucks from the upfitter company that were purchased with ARPA funds back in 2023. We also purchased a new dump truck earlier this year and had it upfitted locally and that is now in service.

Fasnacht Farm Park is now being farmed by The Klick farms and has made a big improvement to the property. We also received grant money to put a new entrance and parking lot at the Farm, and this project will be starting soon.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Tim Corbi and Louie Emanuel

Tim Corbi and Louie Emanuel work for the Road Department, maintaining road vehicles and equipment. From dump trucks and snowplows to mowers and backhoes, our mechanics maintain a wide variety of equipment essential to Township operations. Their work ensures that when winter weather hits or road repairs are needed, the vehicles are ready to respond. A breakdown during a snowstorm isn't an option—thanks to their preventative maintenance and quick repairs, the fleet stays reliable.



Tim is a 1999 Perry graduate, U.S. Army veteran and has been maintaining vehicles since 2000. He enjoys working on projects and spending time with his family. He has been at the road department for 9 years.

Louie enjoys building and driving hot rods, motorcycles, ATVs, hunting, camping, and spending time with his family and friends. He has been at the road department for 7 years.

Thank you, Tim and Louie, for all that you do to keep Perry Township running smoothly!

Why "Children at Play" Signs are Not Recommended

Proper signage helps make communities more livable and the streets safer. Residents often view the street in front of their homes as more than just a place for cars. They may use the road as a walking path, a place to stop and chat with neighbors, or an extension of their front yard where some may allow their children to play. Often, residents request road signs that they believe will make their community safer.



The Perry Township Road Department receives requests for "Children at Play" signs. After all, children play in or near the road, and shouldn't there be some warning given to drivers? But do they help? Are the signs OK to use?

The MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) does NOT include "Children at Play" signs or any variation of this. But why is this?

- They are typically designed to look like warning signs, with a black legend on a yellow background. Other warning signs provide information on specific locations of the hazard (intersections, pedestrian crossing, curve, etc.)
- *Children at Play* signs merely inform a driver that children may be in or near the road.
- These signs do not provide guidance to motorists as to a safe speed.
- *Children at Play* signs could give a false sense of security in letting children play on the roads. In fact, no level of signage could ever protect a pedestrian when they are struck by a vehicle.
- Studies have shown that *Children at Play* signs do not reduce the speed of traffic or make drivers more observant.
- When you install signs not in conformance with the MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices), you could be creating liability for your local agency.

Most importantly, parents and guardians should instruct their children on the DANGERS of playing near or in the street.

Fall/Winter Road and Infrastructure Updates

This fall, our crews have been busy with patching, culvert replacements, mowing, and making drainage improvements throughout the Township. These projects help extend the life of our roads and improve safety for our drivers. Thank you for your patience during construction and lane restrictions – we know the process can be an inconvenience, especially for drivers.

Leaf Reminders: When leaves pile up in the roadside ditches, they can cause water to back up and create problems. By pitching in this fall, you'll help prevent flooding, keep the roads safe.

A little neighborly help goes a long way when remembering the following:

- Rake leaves out of the ditches and bag them up.
- Try not to blow or pile leaves into the roadway.
- Keep culverts and driveway ends clear so water can flow freely.

Preparing for Winter Weather: The Perry Township Road Department is already preparing for the snow season. Trucks are being serviced, plows are being fitted, and salt supplies are stocked (6,000 tons!). When the first snow falls, main roads will ALWAYS be plowed first, followed by secondary and residential streets.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep driveway aprons clear and to avoid parking on the street during snow and ice events so plows can clear roads efficiently.

Roadside Safety in Fall & Winter: Shorter days mean more residents are out walking dogs or biking after dark. Please wear reflective clothing or carry a light when near the roadway. Motorists are reminded to slow down near schools and watch for school buses with extended STOP signs. Together, we can make our roads safer for everyone.

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Please empty leaves from plastic trash bags as the plastic cannot be co-mingled in the recycling process.

Acceptable items: grass clippings, tree limbs, leaves, shrubs, brush, logs, stumps, garden waste, and weeds.

Unacceptable Items: Treated wood, boxes, garbage, railroad ties, wooden furniture, rocks, dirt, etc.



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ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS



Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell
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Fall is a great time of the year. Cooler temperatures are, at least for some, a welcome break from the summer heat. Many of our home projects are winding down and things like shovels, lawnmowers and spades are being put away so that snow blowers can be tuned up and snow shovels brought out of storage in anticipation of what is to come.

Still, it is important that we maintain our properties during these months. Now is usually a good time to gather up brush piles and haul them away or do final trash clean up around our yards.

Outdoor projects like repairing fencing or painting the trim on the house may actually be easier to tackle when the threat of being roasted by the sun has diminished. Our homes, generally speaking, are our refuge and we need to keep them in good shape.

The zoning department has addressed over 400 nuisance cases to date – largely residential issues. Small issues left unattended or ignored quickly become very large problems that can become costly to resolve. If you've been putting off a needed property maintenance project let me encourage you to jump on that project now!

Speaking of projects, we've had a busy year so far with over 230 permits pulled for swimming pools, decks, and new home construction as well as several commercial projects in the township.

If you've driven near the intersection of Tuscarawas and Whipple you no doubt have

witnessed the demolition of Fisher Foods. After Fisher's went out of business the lot was purchased and split into three parcels. Two of the parcels have been secured by Chick-fil-A and 7 Brew Coffee, and we hope to see construction commence in the near future.

Do you want to get involved with zoning and planning? The Board of Zoning Appeals is a great place to learn how to help residents and business owners navigate variances or conditional uses. Are you an attorney who would like to put your skill set to work within the township? Consider applying for this important board.

The Zoning Board is also crucial for the formation of zoning regulations and commercial and residential development and would be a great place for architects or engineers to apply their understanding of design and planning.

Each board has term limits giving residents and business owners in Perry an opportunity to participate in the growth and development of our township. Applicants are reviewed and appointed by the township trustees for five-year terms, giving each member ample time to learn the regulations and contribute to positive change and future planning.

Contact the Perry Township Zoning Department if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities for service. Together we take pride.

Sincerely, Jeff Whytsell

Doing Business from Home? What You Need to Know

Thinking about running a business from your home? There are rules in Perry Township to ensure everything is safe, legal, and meets our zoning regulations.

What is a Home Occupation / Home-Based Business? A home occupation means any occupation conducted entirely within a dwelling (your home) that is secondary to your residential use. It must be done by people living in the home and should not change the character of the neighborhood. (See Perry Township Zoning Resolution, "Home Occupation" definition, p. 14.) perrytwp.com

Do You Need a Conditional Use Permit if you have a Home-Based Business? Yes. If your business qualifies as a home occupation, you must:

- Submit a conditional use application under the "Home Occupation" category.
- Pay an application fee of \$350.
- Attend Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing to present your request.
- Obtain approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals in Perry Township.

The Board of Zoning Appeals reviews the application to verify that the proposed business will comply with all zoning rules and won't negatively impact neighbors.

Cottage Food Production: If you plan to prepare food from your home to sell (for example baked goods, jams, etc.), in addition to the home occupation permit you must comply with Ohio's Cottage Food Laws. The Ohio Department of Agriculture oversees these types of businesses. More info is available here: <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/food-safety/resources/cottage-food>

These laws include (but are not limited to):

- Which foods are allowed under cottage food rules.
- Labeling requirements.
- Limits on sales locations and volume.

Key Things to Consider: When applying for a home occupation permit, think about the following:

- Will there be customers coming to your home? (Some zoning rules limit or prohibit retail traffic in residential neighborhoods.)
- Will there be extra deliveries, signage, or equipment? Those may have special zoning or safety requirements.
- Will your actions change parking, noise, or traffic? These are often part of the Board of Zoning Appeal's review.

If you have questions or want help determining whether your home-based business meets township zoning regulations, please contact the Zoning Inspector's office. We want your business to succeed, but we also want to make sure it fits well in our community.



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