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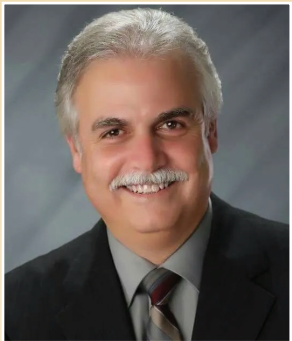
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The Board of Trustees wishes you a Happy New Year & Safe Travels!

We wish you and yours a Happy & Healthy 2023! The members of our Road Department strive to provide outstanding service in every situation. Our number one priority is keeping the roads safe for you and your family. Within this winter edition of the Perry Township Community magazine, we will provide you with several winter travel tips which may help keep you and your family safe on the roadways during this winter season.

Many factors affect the snow and ice patrol services. In an effort to be proactive and maintain service readiness seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, Our remarkable mechanics prepare for fleet readiness. The equipment for snow and ice removal is routinely maintained and prepared well in advance of the snow and ice season. Even with the utmost preparation for the winter season it is not uncommon for trucks, salt equipment and plows to require unforeseen repairs throughout the season. We invite you to become familiar with the Winter Driving Tips on page 8.

Please see the information below for the Perry Township Snow Routes, priority guidelines and which organizations are responsible for maintaining the roadways in our township. Follow us on our Township Facebook page, Website & Nixle for township updates.

SNOW/ICE ROUTE GUIDELINES



Priority 1: Main roads are plowed first. These streets will continue to receive treatment as long as weather conditions continue. Blowing snow and freezing roads once snow has thawed 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 turned over to Perry Township will not be treated.

ODOT Responsibilities: The streets listed below run through Perry Township, however they are maintained by Stark County Engineers & ODOT. The maintenance of these streets for snow and ice control, paving, patching storm water drainage, trash debris and animals deceased roadside are all the responsibilities of SCE & ODOT.

Stark County Engineers Responsibilities: The Stark County Engineers Maintain the following streets within Perry Township: Perry Dr., Navarre Rd., Southway St., Shepler Church Ave., Carmont St. Erie Ave., Whipple Rd. N.W., Woodlawn Ave., 12th St. N.W., Hankins Rd. Orrville St., Fohl St., Sherman Church Ave .

ODOT Maintains State Route 172, and Faircrest St./Route 627

CONTACT INFORMATION

Stark County Engineers: 330-477-6781
Ohio Dept. of Transportation: 330-786-3100
Perry Twp. Road Dept: 330-832-7750



The Board of Trustees recently wished Road Superintendent John Masalko a happy retirement and presented him with a plaque for his 22 years of dedicated service to our township. John is looking forward to the next chapter of his life which will include ski trips and spending time with his wife Eleanor and family. Thank you for your service!



Congratulations to Anthony Davide for being selected as the Perry Township Public Works Director. Anthony's proud family was present at the Oath of Office ceremony. Pictured with him are wife Vickie and sons Marc & Jason. Not pictured: children Danny, Mary & Elizabeth. Welcome aboard Anthony!



Congratulations Mike Rohr for being awarded the 2022 Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year award. Co-worker Steve Furlong submitted Mike's name for consideration of this prestigious award. Together you make Perry Proud!



A proclamation was presented to Fire-medec Jack Keim II for 17 years of service and dedication to our community. Fire-medec Keim II was wished all the best as he leaves the fire service to enjoy the next chapter of his life!



An Update from the Board President

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season. As I write this message, I cannot believe it has been a year since taking office last January. I have learned so much and met so many wonderful, concerned and action-oriented residents and business owners.

In November, I had the opportunity to do a ride along with one of Perry finest-Officer Bill Watson. A 30-year police officer, he has seen a lot in our community over the years. It was amazing to see our township from a police officer's perspective. We toured the western boundaries of our township, and I had a firsthand look at the effect the City of Massillon's annexation enforcement did to our western boundaries. We have residents and businesses surrounded by the City of Massillon and our safety services and road department are responsible for providing services to those locations even though they must drive through Massillon to do so. Believe me, you are not forgotten and the concerns of getting to emergencies are always on their minds. Officer Watson showed me areas of Perry that get the most calls for assistance or criminal activity and voiced the concerns of our Police Department. We drove through neighborhoods and saw so much Perry Pride. I asked Officer Watson what made him stay in Perry as a patrol officer all these years. His response was, "I love the people, and this is where I raised my children." I look forward to riding along with other officers and other department employees in the future.

As we look to the new year, the Board of Trustees are continuing the process of hiring a Deputy Fire Chief, a permanent Police Chief, and a new Public Works

Director (this position will replace the Road Superintendent position). I assure you the Board of Trustees is taking the recruiting and placement of these positions very seriously.



Finally, with winter upon us, I encourage you to be patient with our Road Department as we face the challenges of winter. They are a small department, and all members are challenged to plow and/or salt over 150 miles of roads every time we have a weather event that calls them out to service our roadways. Their routes are large, and their primary focus is to keep the roadways safe for you and your families to travel and our main roads clear for emergencies. However, we strive to have our secondary roads cleared for our residents and businesses in a timely manner. We will do our best to communicate through social media and our NIXEL program to update our residents on when crews are out servicing our roads.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a healthy, safe, and happy New Year!

Lisa Nelligan
Board President

2023 Community Calendar of Events

PERRY POLICE

May date TBD: Cops and Bobbers
Please check www.perrytwp.com or Perry Police Facebook page for upcoming details.

PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June: Date TBD Picnic in the Park (sponsored by AQUA)
Sept: Date TBD The 9th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest (sponsored by AQUA)

PERRY TOWNSHIP ROTARY

April 1: Easter Egg Hunt
May 27: Fallen Hero Ceremony
Sept Date TBD: Rotary Community Oktoberfest Parade
November 23 Thanksgiving Day: Annual Rotary Turkey Trot (Central Catholic)
December 16: Wreaths Across America (Calvary Cemetery)

PERRY HISTORY CLUB (www.perryhistoryclub.org)

January 16: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
February 20: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
March 18: Pancake Breakfast (Richville United Church of Christ) 8 - 10:30 am
March 20: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
April 17: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
May 15: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
May 27: Plant Sale (Schoolhouse 539 Genoa Ave SW, 10am - 2pm)
June 10: Strawberry Social (Schoolhouse 539 Genoa Ave SW, 11am-2pm)
June 19: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
July 17: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
September 9: Oktoberfest/Parade 11am - 2pm
September 18: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
October 17: Regular Meeting (Perry Police Community Room) 6 PM
October 21: Sweetest Day Pancake Breakfast (Richville United Church of Christ) 8 - 10:30 am

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOLS (www.perrylocal.org)

JANUARY

4 School Resumes
13 Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL
16 Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
27 Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

14 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
17 Teacher Exchange Day - NO SCHOOL
20 President's Day - NO SCHOOL

MARCH

17 Teacher Workday - NO SCHOOL
27-31 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

APRIL

3 School Resumes
7 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
10 NO SCHOOL



ADMINISTRATOR NEWS



Joyce Martin
Township Administrator
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Greetings everyone,

The past few years have been challenging between Covid and our economic challenges. Despite these unprecedented hardships, our Perry Township Community always comes together to lend a helping hand to our community members in need.

I am thankful to share with you that for the 12th year, our employees (past and present) have participated in the "Perry Township Gives Back Program". This year, we collected over \$2,300 and were once again able to take care of some of our Perry families in need during the Christmas season.

We are also thankful for our other community partners such as Perry Helping Perry, Perry Township Rotary and our local veterans associations such as SAM Center, Stark County Veterans Commission, Stark County Vet Center, and The Patriots Project, who serve as a wonderful

resource to our community members in need, and faithfully serve our veterans. We have witnessed the good in so many thoughtful and generous Perry Township employees, people throughout our community and organizations who want to make a difference in the lives of others, not just during the holidays, but all throughout the year.

If someone extended kindness and generosity to you and your family this season, good for you. If you donated to others who needed a helping hand this season, good for you. We will continue on throughout the year in true Perry fashion... performing random acts of kindness small and large to continue making a positive impact in the lives of others.

If you or someone you know needs additional assistance in 2023, please consider some of the resources listed below.

Perry Helping Perry: Food Pantry 330-418-4148

Perry Helping Perry: Clothes Closet 330-737-1281

Stark County Cash, Food, Medical Benefits: 844-640-6446

Stark County Community Action Agency: Bills, Rent, Grants, Food 330-454-1676

Stark County Job & Family Services: 330-452-4661

SAM Center, Serving Area Military: 330-956-6162

Stark County Veterans Commission: 330-451-7457

The Patriot Project, Serving Chiropractic Services to Veteran: 330-495-8333

Crisis Hotline: 330-452-6000

Homeless Hotline: 330-452-4363

Aging & Disability Resource Center: 877-770-5558

JRC Adult Day Care Services: 330-451-3471

Domestic Violence Helpline: 330-453-7233

Child Abuse Hotline: 330-455-5437



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

Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. As we have begun the new year, great things will be happening within our department. A new Chief of Police will be hired by the Board of Trustees and new candidates will be joining the police department to fulfill a few openings we have due to retirements. Filling these vacancies, will enhance the protection and the number of officers patrolling your neighborhoods. We look forward to continue providing the outstanding services we strive to provide to the residents of Perry Township. Here are a few tips to help you to have a great start to the new year.

Traffic Safety: As winter is in full swing, the minimal amount of snow on the ground can cause your vehicle to slide out of control. Ice can be very hard to see on certain roadways and can be hazardous when driving. Please be aware and vigilant when driving on the roadways when snow and ice are factors. Slow down and give yourself plenty of room behind other vehicles when these hazards are present to avoid accidents.

Tips: It is always important when ODOT and township plow vehicles are on the roadways to remain behind the plow vehicles at least 100-200 feet while plowing and dispensing salt. Never pass a plow truck on the right because the winged blade plows typically throw the snow to the right side of the roadway when they are out clearing them. Use caution even when the roads have been cleared by plows, as wet and icy road conditions can remain.

We're Hiring!

Perry Township Police Department is seeking qualified applicants. If you or anyone you know is interested, please feel free to drop off your resume at the department anytime or e-mail it directly to cguist@perrypolice.org.



Welcome Officer Ivey

Board President Nelligan conducted the Oath of Office for Police Officer Ivey as his family and friends watched proudly! Congratulations Officer Ivey, we welcome you and are thankful to have you with us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Officer Bill Watson



Officer Watson has been a dedicated member of the Perry Township Police Department for 30 years. As he approaches the end of his career, we found it fitting to recognize him for his dedication and service to our department and our residents of Perry Township.

Officer Watson has been a great asset to our agency and has had many roles within the agency. Officer Watson has been a member of our SWAT Team, a DARE/SRO Officer, Bike Patrol, part of the Citizens Police Academy and Field Training Officer. Officer Watson is most proud of his accomplishments during traffic enforcement for his arrests of OVI and Drug offenders.

Thank you, Officer Watson, for your years of service and dedication to the Perry Township Police Department and the Perry Township community. You have made a positive impact in the lives of many.

PERRY HELPING PERRY CLOTHES CLOSET Offering FREE clothing & toiletries

The Perry Helping Perry Clothes Closet provides free clothing, toiletries, and small household items to Perry Township residents as well as people who work in Perry Township. The Closet is located at 5038 Tuscarawas Street West, in the former Feist Hardware store. The Clothes Closet is a 2,000 sq. ft. boutique type store which offers a wide variety of free gently used clothing including infants, toddlers, children, men's, women's, Perry spirit, scrubs, shoes, boots, maternity, coats, hats, and gloves, etc. The closet also has purses, jewelry and some housewares including blankets, sheets, and towels. We also offer toiletries, such as shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc. We are fully stocked with winter items and are looking forward to seeing many township residents and workers. All items are free. Currently there is an income-based requirement, but no proof is needed.

Donations of gently used clean clothing, small houseware items, new underwear and toiletries, etc. are accepted on the third Saturday of every month. We especially need boys clothing, mouthwash, hairbrushes and combs, cleaning supplies, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap and clothes dryer sheets, and new socks and underwear for children, youth, and adults.

We appreciate the generous community support of the Clothes Closet and look forward to greeting many "new shoppers" this Winter and encourage all residents to stop by and see what the Perry Helping Perry Clothes Closet offers our community.

To learn more about Perry Helping Perry Clothes Closet follow us on Facebook or call Nancy Weirich at 330-685-7772.



The Clothes Closet is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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My name is Sierra Small and I am the owner of Buckeye Craft & Home Decor, solely owned and operated by myself with the help of my parents, Tiffany and Joe.

In 2018, my parents and I started our homemade wood crafts business as a hobby. We both had full time jobs at the time, but just wanted something to do together in our free time. We made a Facebook page and posted our handmade items for sale there. We began participating in craft shows, and before we knew it, our little hobby turned into much more. Our following of customers was growing and our items were more in demand.

In June of 2020, both my mom and I lost our full-time jobs during the pandemic. Also, craft shows and fairs were cancelled during this time. We went full force with making handmade items and continued to grow our online customer base. By Spring of 2021, things were starting to reopen – and at that point we decided to start looking for a storefront location. Our small business storefront opened in June of 2021!

Everyone should know that our business is locally family owned. My whole family and myself went to Perry Schools. It was important to me to stay in the Perry community.

With a focus on modern farmhouse, we are open year round, and we always have a variety of everyday decor. We also offer interior design services and a variety of DIY crafting classes (follow us on Facebook for schedules). We are very thankful for the community support that we've received in our first year in business.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

Colorful fall and the holidays have come and gone and wonderful winter is upon us. It's the time of year to enjoy sled riding, snowman building, hot chocolate, and watching your favorite movie while snuggling in front of the fireplace.

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

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 that we do. 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.

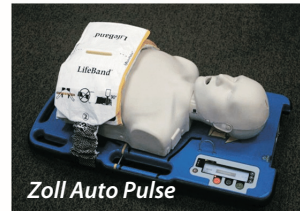
With that, I sincerely hope you and your family safely enjoy the winter wonderland that is upon us.

Sincerely,
Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

Below are examples of how your tax dollars are being utilized.



(Approx. Cost \$50,000)



(Approx. Cost (\$18,000)



Fire Chief Larry Sedlock
lsedlock@perrytwp.com
330-833-3865

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Winter has arrived and regardless if you use a furnace, fireplace, portable heaters, 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 remember as you stay warm during these winter months.

Fireplaces

- 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. Keeping these open until the fire is out will draw smoke out of the house.
- Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
- Use dry and 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 (ie: 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 3 feet from your home.
- Keep a watchful eye on your children.
- Always 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 space 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 portable heaters unattended



Wood Burners

- Have all wood burners professionally installed and routinely maintained.
- The fireplace safety tips also apply to these as well.



Furnaces

- Don't store items any closer than 3 feet to your furnace.
- The best thing you can do to ensure furnace safety is to have your furnace serviced annually by an HVAC professional.

2022 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL STATISTICS

Call Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
EMS	246	224	185	230	274	219	225	218	220	217	219	228
Patient Lifts	26	18	26	22	34	25	50	33	30	45	32	39
MVA	12	11	19	15	19	11	19	11	18	8	10	9
Building Fires	4	2	0	3	0	2	3	1	3	0	5	2
Vehicle Fires	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mutual Aid Given	3	2	0	3	0	4	4	3	4	3	0	3

Note: These are the major calls but not all the calls that our department responded to in 2022.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives



If you are a Perry resident, get your FREE smoke detectors by either calling Fire Administration at (330) 833-3865 or by going on the Perry Township webpage and clicking on "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!

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Penny Lorenz

Penny's is the friendly voice you'll hear when you call Fire Administration. Penny has been with us for nearly 15 years and has a wealth of knowledge to answer your routine questions. In addition, she keeps the department running smoothly by handling multiple functions like payroll, billing information, and ordering supplies, to name a few. Outside of the office, Penny enjoys spending time with her family, spoiling her grandkids, and helping at her church.

She has been, and continues to be, a valuable asset to our department. Thank you Penny for all that you do!

The Taxman Cometh – But Where Does the Money Go?

By Alan Harold, Stark County Auditor



Alan Harold

In your mail soon, you will receive your first half property tax bill. Stark

County sends out over 130,000 tax bills twice each year, and this first bill is due February 22. Here's a quick primer on what makes up your tax bill and the money you pay each half.



How your property taxes are computed consist of two elements – first, the value set by the County Auditor; and second, the total effective millage of all tax levies in your tax district, as decided upon by the voters over time. It is also important to know property taxes are paid in arrears – that is, taxes you pay in 2023 are actually for the tax year 2022. This is the same all throughout Ohio.

In Perry Township, there are actually nine different taxing districts. These are different combinations of the Township, Canton City, Massillon City, Navarre Village, and the Perry, Jackson, Fairless, Massillon, and Tuslaw school districts. This means that across the Township, some homes are taxed slightly different than others.

Property taxes are used to support important services and are divided among local government based upon the levies passed. Some levies are for a general purpose, like paying utilities and maintaining buildings, and others are for specific purposes, like support of police or fire, or paying for construction on a school building. Even though there are many taxing districts within Perry Township, the split among local government is fairly similar. Since most of the Township is "Perry-Perry" – meaning, Perry Township, Perry Local Schools – let's use this tax district as an example of where a homeowner's taxes go:

- 12.5% - support County government – includes general operations, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, Children's Services, and 9-1-1.
- 65.0% - support Perry Schools – most of this is general operations, like paying teachers, though about 20% of what is paid to the schools is in support of the new building projects passed in 2020.
- 18.5% - support Perry Township government. This includes police, fire, and roads, as well as a small share for general operations.
- 1.2% - support Stark Parks
- 2.8% - support Stark County District Library

This information is summarized on your tax bill, though you can find much more detail on the Auditor's website at starkcountyohio.gov/auditor. Click on the "Resources" tab, then select "Tax Rate Tables". There is detailed information there regarding the distribution of your tax dollars.

The Auditor's Office is always available to help answer questions about your tax bill and property valuation. Call us at (330) 451-7357.

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REMINDER



Perry Township Board of Trustees have purchased the NIXLE Alert System which will be FREE to all Perry Township Residents

Some of the alerts available are listed below



ACTIVE SHOOTER



MISSING PERSON



HAZMAT



SEVERE WEATHER



TRAFFIC INCIDENT



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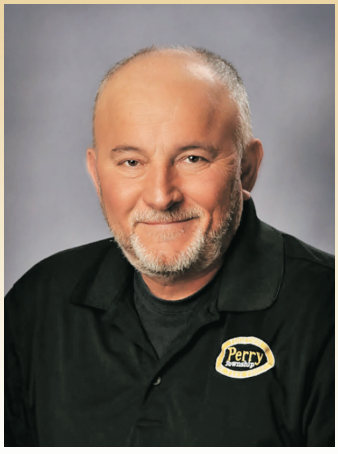


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Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you and your family enjoyed a safe and happy holiday! I write this last update to you as I plan to retire in February of 2023. It has been my honor and pleasure serving the residents of Perry Township over the past 25 years. I have met many people throughout the years and I have tried to help everyone to the best of my ability and resources.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of working with the dedicated team here at our Road Department who work tirelessly to clear and repair the roadways throughout the year so that you may arrive home safely. I especially want to recognize Assistant Road Superintendent Chris Young and Administrative Assistant Renee Schalmo for our collaborative team work in serving our community. I look forward to retirement and spending quality time with my amazing family. I wish you and your families all the best in 2023 and beyond.

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



Rob Moore

Rob Moore has been a road maintenance specialist for 35 years. He has seen a lot of changes over the years! Rob is a dedicated employee and is always willing to lend a helping hand to his fellow workers. Rob is a 1980 graduate of Perry High School. He and his lovely wife Rhonda have been married for 30 years. Rob's hobbies include snowmobiling, four-wheeling, and camping with nieces and nephews, just to name a few.

Thank you, Rob, for all that you do for the road department! We truly appreciate you.

2022 Snow & Ice Road Department Statistics

- Salt Usage: 2344.42 tons
- Cost at \$67.09/ton: \$157,287.14 total
- Elevation Fee: \$5,632.80
- Total Salt Cost: \$162,919.94
- Snow & ice duty was needed 26 times
- Combined total of 3,044.5 personnel hours
- Regular hours: 1080, OT hours: 1964.5
- Cost per dispatched route: \$11,391.23
- 9 dispatched routes: \$102,521.07 total

Winter Weather Driving Tips

Leave early

Monitor weather conditions before you plan to leave, and expect any trip to take double the normal amount of time. Leave plenty of time to reach your destination safely. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.

Plan your route

Avoid steep upgrades and lightly traveled roads where deep snow drifts may form.

Clear your vehicle

Remove any snow on your vehicle's windows, lights, brake lights, and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen while on the road.

Inspect your car

Check your vehicle's tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts, and hoses. A breakdown is bad on a good day – and dangerous on a bad weather day. Keep snacks, a blanket & safety kit in your vehicle. Always wear your seatbelt.

Proceed with caution... slow down

When snow and ice are present, the posted speed limit is NOT a safe speed. Drive an appropriate speed for the conditions you encounter.

Increase following distance

It can take 3 to 10 times farther to stop on slick pavement than on a dry road. The faster you're going, the longer it will take to stop. Allow a large space between yourself and the car ahead of you.

Accelerate and stop gradually

Never slam on your brakes or begin accelerating quickly in ice or snow. Slick pavement conditions can cause reduced traction and loss of control. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop.

Maintain control of your vehicle

When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers. When merging into traffic, take it slow. Sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide.

Remain vigilant of your surroundings

Be aware of what's going on well ahead of you. Actions by other vehicles will alert you to problems more quickly, and give you that split-second of extra time to react safely.

Don't Crowd the Plow... watch out for blind spots

The plow driver's field of vision is limited. As a general rule: If you can't see the plow truck's side mirrors, the truck driver can't see you. Always stay two to three car lengths behind the plow.

Stay safe out there!

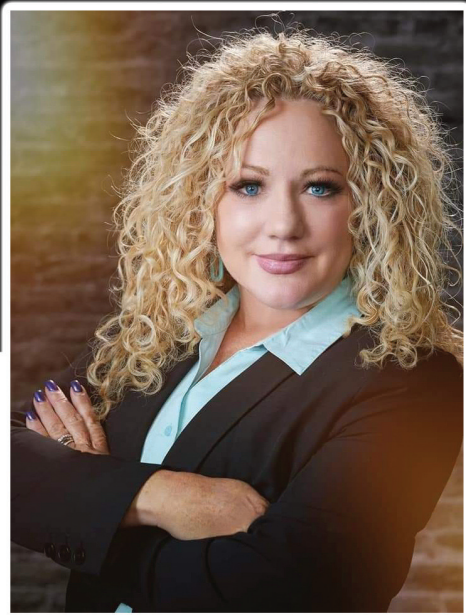


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The year 2022 was a busy year for businesses and home owners in Perry Township. A total of 337 zoning permits were issued for everything from swimming pools to new business construction, storage sheds and a plethora of business signage. Coupled with the 408 permits issued in 2021, that's two years of substantial productivity. Well done, Perry Township!

Please be certain to follow along in the newsletter as they are published quarterly throughout the year to learn more about the events of the township and the work of each department – Police, Fire/EMT, Road/Parks, Administration and Zoning provide for our community. It is our honor to serve you.



What to do about cars

Cars come in all shapes and sizes. Someone once said, "Good cars get you from point A to point B. Great cars...well they just get you into trouble."

In 2020, there were approximately 286.9 million registered cars in the U.S. Ohio was ranked fourth overall in the nation with 4,247,843 registered vehicles. Florida had 7,841,553 vehicles, Texas had 8,088,058, and California had 14,201,400.



With so many cars on the road inevitably, someone will park their car at a location somewhere near you. Several questions are often directed to zoning about a vehicle's condition and what is considered legal or illegal parking. Although there are zoning regulations specifically pertaining to the condition and location of vehicles parked on private property, any vehicle parked on any public street is potentially an issue for the local police department to address.

With this in mind I've asked Acting Police Chief Chad Guist to answer some basic questions about street parking. Following his answers, I will also provide some common zoning regulations pertaining to vehicles. My hope is that this information will equip you with a better understanding of the overall regulations between the Perry Police Department and Perry Zoning. Also, this should help guide you in the right direction on which department to contact should you have a question about a vehicle in your neighborhood.

Are vehicles allowed to park on residential streets in Perry Township? Yes, as long as the righthand wheels

of the vehicle are parallel with, and not more than 12 inches from the righthand side of the road. No vehicle may be parked on the road facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on that side of the road. (ORC 4511.69)

Is there a limit to how long a vehicle can be parked on a residential street? No

Can a disabled vehicle be parked in the street, even if it has current plates and tags? No. After a period of time specified by law, any vehicle left on the road that is three years old or older, is extensively damaged, is apparently inoperable, and has a fair market value of \$1500 or less can be removed by the police. (ORC 4513.63)

Can utility trailers be left in the street if they are not hitched to a vehicle? No. Per a 2006 resolution any trailer not hitched to a towing motor vehicle shall not be left parked or unattended within the traveled portion of any road within Perry Township. Any trailer in violation of this resolution and creates a hazard or danger to the motoring public shall be towed at the owner's expense, and may be subject to fines.

Can I stop my neighbor from parking in front of my house or place No Parking signs or cones at the edge of my yard? Not if they are parked in the roadway right-of-way. Only signs that comply with government standards that are authorized and posted by an agency having proper jurisdiction can be enforced. (ORC 505.17)

Thank you, Chief Guist!

Zoning Article VI Section 603.6 paragraph one states: No person shall park, store or leave, permit the parking or storing of any unlicensed motor vehicle or any vehicle in rusted, wrecked, junk, partially dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition, whether attended or not, upon any property within the township unless the same is completely enclosed within a building, unless otherwise specifically permitted by these regulations and/or the O.R.C.

Vehicles without plates or current tags, vehicles without tires or otherwise partially dismantled may not be parked in any property within the township. Please keep the section about a vehicle with rust in proper

context. We live in Northeast Ohio. Few if any of us actually own a vehicle that doesn't have rust. This refers back to the overall condition of an inoperable vehicle.

As you can see, the solution is to keep air in the tires and plates and tags updated. The alternative solution is to remove them from the property or store them inside a building. Keeping vehicles under tarps in the driveway or yard would not meet zoning requirements.

What about parking a vehicle in the front or side yard? Section 901.2 E states: Off street parking facilities shall not occupy any part of any required front or side yard in all residential districts.

What if I extend my driveway or create a pad of gravel, asphalt or concrete? You may add such an extension to your driveway and meet the parking requirements.



Is there a limit to the number or kind of vehicles I may park in my driveway? Section 603.6 paragraph two states: No more than two recreational vehicles, such as a trailer home, motor home or boat may be stored on a residential lot, provided they have current licenses. There is currently no limit to the number of functional, licensed automobiles that may be parked in one's driveway or on the street.

Keep in mind these regulations do allow for vehicle junk yards. The purpose of these regulations is to keep our residential and otherwise designated business properties free from clutter and the unsafe conditions such unchecked vehicles may create.



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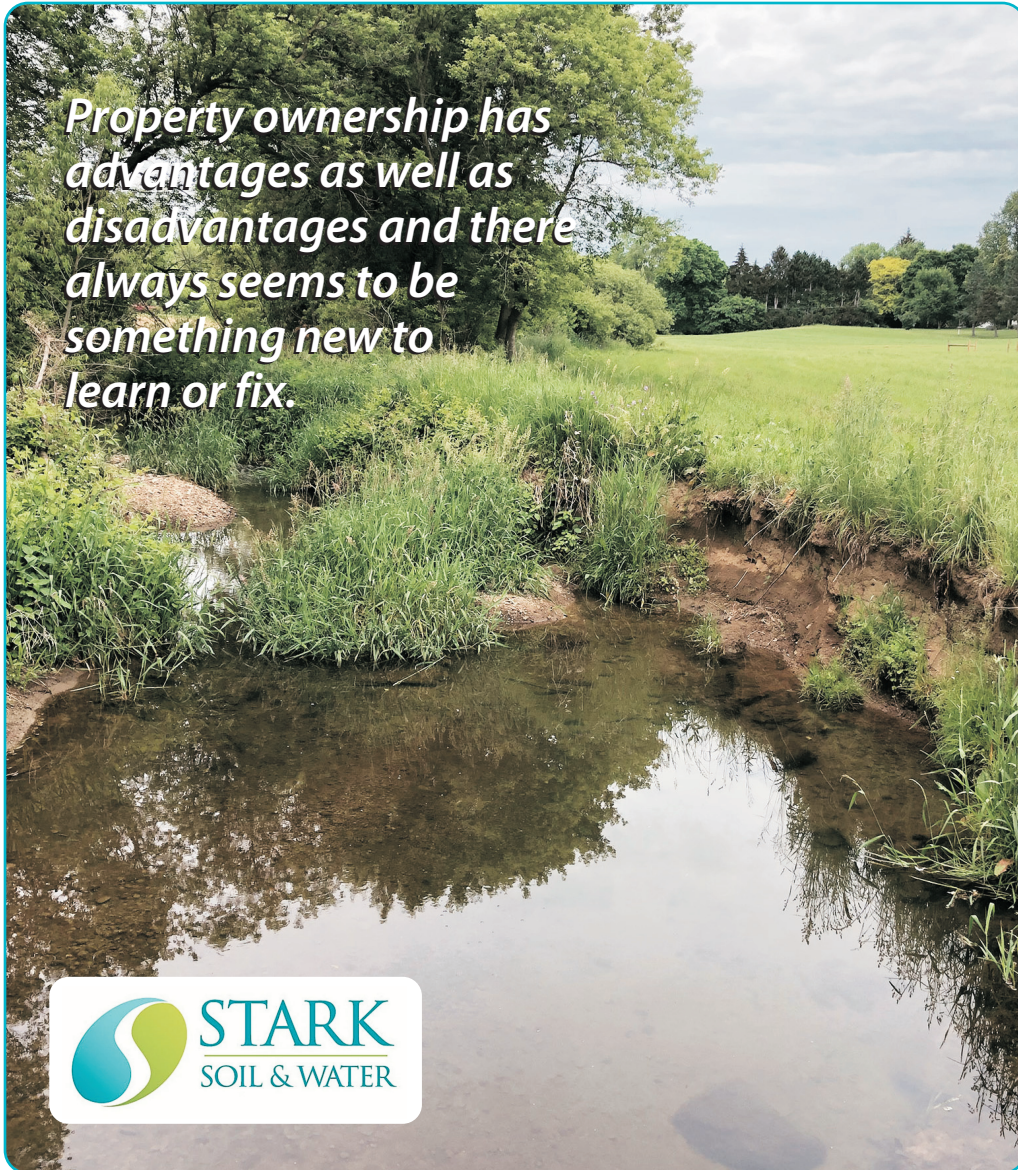
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Discussing Drainage

What's it mean to have a stream? *By Rome Marinelli*



Property ownership has advantages as well as disadvantages and there always seems to be something new to learn or fix.



As the Drainage Specialist for Stark Soil & Water, I receive calls from Stark County residents experiencing drainage issues. Big or small, I relish the opportunity to work with our community to help resolve their issues.

The call I seem to get most often regards streams; specifically, who is responsible for maintaining them. The answer is: it might be you. Whereas the water flowing through the stream belongs to the public as a public good and is regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineering under several federal laws, the soil beneath the water (stream bed) falls within the parameter (literally) of property ownership. This is where I usually stress to the caller the importance of knowing where your property boundary is. Depending on your property boundary, you may be the responsible party for maintaining the waterway.

Ohio governs water rights through Ohio Drainage Law. This law is complex but offers helpful insight. For example, water conveyances fall under the responsibility of the property owner – gutters, downspouts, French drains, yard drains, field tiles (for farmers), ponds, and streams, just to name a few. If it's moving water and it's on your property, you are responsible for its maintenance. If these systems are not maintained, you can be held potentially liable for any damage that would result from malfunction, misuse, and negligence of that water conveyance. Therefore, it's important to maintain all your drainage systems for flow and function – from pipes to streams.

If you have a stream on your property, and you want to know how to best manage it, albeit erosion, sediment buildup, etc., give our office a call at 330-451-7644. This is a free service provided to all of Stark County.

Stark County Phone Numbers

Akron-Canton Airport	330-499-4221	Dominion East Ohio Gas	330-477-9411
Board of Education	330-492-8136	AEP	800-362-2764
Board of Elections	330-451-8683	First Energy	800-633-4766
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
Humane Society	330-453-5529	Destroyed Property	330-451-7640
Regional Planning Commission	330-451-7389	Estate Tax	330-451-7184
Sanitary Engineer	330-451-2357	Fiscal Dept.	330-451-7504
Soil and Water Conservation	330-489-4476	GIS	330-451-7193
Stark Parks	330-477-3552	Homestead Dept.	330-451-7323
Stark-Tusc-Wayne Joint Waste Management District	330-874-2258	Manufactured Homes	330-451-7640
Subdivision Engineer	330-451-7403	Maps	330-451-7341
Veterans Services	330-451-7457	Settlements/Budgets	330-451-7325
Aultman Hospital	330-452-9911	Transfer Dept.	330-451-7322 or 330-451-7333
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