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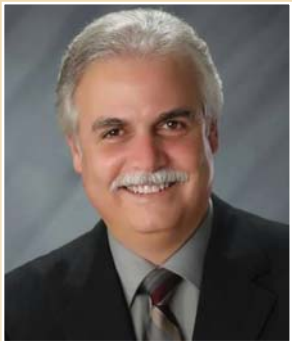
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PICNIC in the PARK

June 10 • Hartwick Park

C'mon Perry... Let's have some FUN! Your Perry Township Board of Trustees invite you to join them on Saturday, June 10th from 12pm to 3pm at Hartwick Park



We are looking forward to gathering together and celebrating Good Times & Perry Township Pride! Please bring your family, neighbors, friends, lawn chairs and blankets to gather around the Rotary Gazebo & listen to the amazing sounds of FUNKOLOGY! They play it all from Motown, Disco, Soul, R&B, Funk, Country, Classic Rock, 80s, 90s and today's hits plus your requests!



There is something for everyone at Picnic in the Park! You can pack a picnic lunch or buy food from a variety of vendors. Spend the afternoon with family and friends enjoying the live music and fun festivities!

Township Department Participation

All hands on deck for the Picnic in the Park!! Members of our Administration, Police, Fire, Road & Parks will be hosting a booth to meet, greet and engage with our community. Please stop by and introduce yourself!

- Free Entertainment & Games sponsored by **AQUA**
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- Bounce Houses & Fire Truck Slide
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Vendor Registration is now live

SCAN THE QR CODE or visit perrytwp.com, select the Our Community tab at the top of the page. Click on the drop box: Community Events- Perry Township Picnic in the Park and register to showcase your business, school, club, booster group, church or organization. Thanks to our AQUA sponsorship, there are no registration fees!



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An Update from Trustee Matt Miller, Board Vice President



MOVING PERRY FORWARD

Perry Township, it is an honor to address all of you and to update you on a busy 2023 thus far. Progress has been made in several key areas and a few long-term projects have been initiated. All of this is in the spirit of moving Perry forward. It is no secret that we have lost ground to surrounding communities and efforts to close that gap are well overdue. Here are a few areas in the township that are on the road to improvement and on course to an exciting future.

FRESH FACES & RISING STARS

One struggle that is not unique to Perry Township is staffing. If all goes to plan, by the time this edition is in your hands we will have stabilized the leadership in the Fire Department (Chief Larry Sedlock), the Public Works Department (Director Anthony Davide), and the Police Department (New Chief TBA). With many projects, ideas, and needs to address, getting these leadership roles established has held the top priority spot for most of 2022 and I am happy to cross those off the list in the early months of 2023.

It is also exciting to promote internal employees to new roles and leadership positions. In February we elevated two of our Firefighters to the rank of Captain, Mr. Jamie Gray & Mr. Jack Keim III. This display of advancement is vital to the strength and health of our departments.

One sign that the hiring world might be improving was our recent effort to fill an Administrative Assistant Position at Township Hall. With past applicant pools producing single digit results, we were excited to see 31 candidates submit applications for the job. After reviewing, we invited seven candidates to participate in a two-part selection process. This involved an in-person interview with a panel of two township employees, and a trustee, followed by a homework assignment. These efforts resulted in our top candidate being offered and accepting the position. Mrs. Christina Whittenberger joined us at the beginning of March and has been an immediate asset to our office staff at Township Hall.

These are just a few examples of great people doing great things in our township. Checkout each department's employee spotlight sections for even more evidence that its people that lead to progress!

THE BIG PICTURE

We have three separate park improvement projects all in different stages and if they remain on course, all three will see completion in 2023. Summerdale park is set to get a new restroom facility, Perry Park visitors will be seeing a new restroom facility and pavilion area, and finally Meredith Park is slated for drainage and grading improvements as well as the installation of a walking track.

Secondly, we have launched the development of a Comprehensive Master Plan for

the township in conjunction with the Stark County Regional Planning Commission. This 18 month process began in January of this year. The initial step is to hear your voice. This will be achieved by a community-wide survey that can be accessed online through the township website (or via the QR code seen in the yellow box on page 10) and in-person at any of our township offices. In addition to the survey, the outstanding folks at the Regional Planning Commission will be attending community events to get face-to-face feedback from community members.

The goal of the Master Plan is to chart a course that applies to all aspects of the township, including but not limited to safety forces, roads, parks, and economic development. This document will be built using the voice of our residents and serve as a tool to drive decision making for years to come. Your participation in this process is critical to its success. Take the survey today!

WE ARE PERRY

The past 15 months as a Perry Township Trustee have flown by. I am filled with a sense of urgency to push the progress of our projects forward. My confidence in our new leaders grows every day and with our departments in good hands, I set my sights on improving the quality of life for our residents. Parks & local businesses are quickly moving up the priority list to achieve this goal and with a Master Plan in-hand, be on the lookout for some committees forming to navigate the charted course.

Lastly, I want to share a personal struggle of mine. I have had a difficult time defining what our identity is as a community. Growing up, I remember in the 90s when I was first becoming aware of this persona that Perry had. It was of a tight community that did things a little differently. Our football team had an unconventional style, our Police were a force to be reckoned with. One officer recently reflected, "We owned Lincoln Way. Everybody knew not to mess around when driving through Perry." The achievement of our students was uncharacteristic for our demographic. People were curious, "What is going on in Perry?"

One of my goals is to help us find that community identity. During a time when focus on individualism has created an expansion of independence, it has also ushered an increase in isolation. My call to action for you is to take that individualism and share it with the people around you. Be a great neighbor to the person across the street. Take pride in where you live. Start small. Maybe it's a random act of kindness or just cleaning up your yard, but everyone can do something. Strive to be better, in your own way, in a small way, and grow from there.

Are we the blue-collar, hard working community that marched to their own beat? Maybe. Or maybe we are something new and different. I can't tell. Help me in this quest to bring an identity back to Perry Township, whatever it is it will be stronger if we define it together.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

PERRY HELPING PERRY was originated in 2010 after Patty Knotts, a then Genoa Elementary Administrative Assistant noticed that some children at the school lacked the basic necessities. Patty then started a food pantry to ensure students were well nourished. Patty never allowed the spotlight to shine on her, rather she focused on our community, kids, families and the many remarkable community members who stepped up to assist her in her goodwill efforts. Thank you, Patty for your heart of gold and for caring enough to make a difference in the lives of many!

Since then, Patty has retired and *Perry Helping Perry* has continued growing and providing services to thousands of Perry Families in a variety of ways. We are especially thankful to all of the selfless, caring, dedicated volunteers who operate the PHP Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Snack Sacks, Back Packs and of course the exciting Bike Program. Every community has families who need a helping hand. Thank you to all of the PHP volunteers who give so generously of themselves to others.

Perry Township in partnership with the remarkable team at *Perry Helping Perry* continues to host non-perishable food bench collection locations. Non perishable food items which are always in need: Canned meats, Canned vegetables, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Soups (including Ramen), Pasta & Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Meals & Can/boxed - Chef Boyardee, Hamburger Helper, Cereal.

Please **DO NOT** bring clothing, bedding or back to school items to these drop off sites. For additional information about all PHP programs, please call their main line at 330-737-1281.

These are unmanned sites. Please place your donated items inside the donation benches. We check the benches frequently and arrange for a representative of PHP to pick up the items. Thank you in advance for helping us stock the PHP Food Pantry, one bench at a time!

NON-PERISHABLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

The Perry Township Road Dept
1500 Jackson Ave. S.W.
Massillon, 44646

The Perry Township Police Dept.
622 Genoa Ave. S.W.
Massillon, 44646

Perry Fire Station #1
1325 Perry Drive S.W.
Canton, 44710

Perry Fire Station #2
6425 Bosford St. S.W.
Navarre, 44662

Perry Fire Station #3
3100 Bailey Ave. N.W.
Massillon, 44646

Perry Project Group presents Raffle for the Walk

A night of food, fun, and community pride.
All proceeds support the walking track project at Meredith Park in Perry Township.

Event Details Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023 Location: McKinley Eagles Doors Open: 5:30 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM (Raffle to follow dinner)	Investing in Community The purpose of this event is to raise funds specifically to donate toward the Meredith Park project. <small>This project is part of a larger grant proposal submitted by Perry Township. Grant funding awarded will only cover a portion of the project.</small>
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Ticket Information

Dinner Ticket

(gray ticket)
\$45 per person.
Includes:
Buffet style dinner.
Top-shelf open bar.
Raffle entry sold separately.

Reverse Raffle

(gold ticket)
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Last ticket pulled wins \$1,500.00!
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Also: Side Games, Silent Auction Items, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 and Bingo.

** Make checks payable to: "Perry Adult Booster Club" **

Tickets available at: Falcone's Tavern, McKinley Eagles,
& Perry Township Hall
(visit website for a full list of distributors)

** Sponsorship packages available. **
Visit: www.PerryProjectGroup.com for details.



Acting Police Chief Chad Guist

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We would like to welcome and share an update on our newest patrol officers, Andrew Weber and Tyler Ivey (previously recognized January edition). Officers Weber and Ivey are currently in the field training program and should be out on their own in late March or early April. Both are excelling and fitting right in with our department and community whom they were sworn to serve. If you see them or any of our

officers out and about, be sure to stop and say hello.

As Springtime arrives more pedestrians and vehicles will be on our roads. It is time to be even more cautious than normal as motorcyclists will also be active on the roadways. Be sure to look twice before entering an intersection or making a turn. Continue to stay courteous to others on the roadways and take your time getting to your location safely.

Our DARE and SRO Officers are working together to get the 2nd Annual Cops and Bobbers Fishing event finalized. Last year's event was a great success that brought kids, families and police officers together. Details will be published very soon on how to register for the event on Facebook, and the Township website. This year's event will be held on Monday, May 15th, 2023 at Petros Lake Park on Perry Drive SW. Registration will be from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM and fishing will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:30 PM.



Officers Andrew Weber and Tyler Ivey

Enjoy your Springtime with family and friends. Remember you can follow us on Facebook. We have been utilizing Facebook as a method to obtain your tips and assistance to solve crimes and identify persons of interest. Thanks to all of you who have participated!

I want to thank the Board of Trustees, Officers, Staff, and Township Departments for their support during my time as Acting Chief of Police. It was an honor to be selected and to have had this opportunity to serve. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new Chief of Police and continue providing professional services to our community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Detective Danielle Paciorek

Detective Paciorek has been employed by the Perry Township Police Department since 2014. She began her law enforcement career in 2012 at Marlboro Township Police Department and went on to serve as Deputy for the Stark County Sheriff's Office. Detective Paciorek is a Hoover High School grad and Kent State University Alumni, with a Bachelor of the Arts in Justice Studies.



Detective Paciorek is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau, where she is responsible for investigating high profile crimes and serious offenses. She is a member of the Stark County Children's Network Multi-Disciplinary Team and will be joining the Stark County Human Trafficking Collaborative. Detective Paciorek also works with the Adult Advocacy Center focusing on assisting adults with special needs.

Detective Paciorek created the Safer Seniors program in 2019 to assist in crime prevention and community outreach education. She also prepares presentations on fraud and fraud prevention.

Detective Paciorek prides herself on strong positive relationships with the community and being committed to maintaining public safety.

Please join Detective Paciorek for a Crime Awareness & Fraud Prevention Seminar on April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Perry Township Police Department Community Room. This seminar is open to the public. *Please see the flyer below and hope to see you there!*



We're Hiring!

Several positions will be opening soon and we always accept resumes. You can either hand deliver your resume to the police department or email it to cguist@perrypolice.com.

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WHEN: MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

WHERE: PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE
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Presented by: Detective Danielle Paciorek

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Falcone's Tavern is a family owned and operated business established in 2004. In February of 2004, Greg had left his job after 14 years and was going to take some time off. He was having lunch down the street and on the way back to his parents house, he passed Reedurban Tavern which had been around since before he was born. At that time, the Tavern had been shut down for almost a year and was for sale. It was meant to be! Two months later, he purchased the tavern and was open for business on Friday, August 13th. The owners of Falcone's are Greg & Kendra Falcone and Frank & Gretchen Falcone. Greg & Kendra are the operators of the business and they employ 20 team members.

Falcone's Tavern President, Greg Falcone was formally sales manager for Park Honda. His career was in sales management. It was always his dream to have his own business (specifically a bar) and utilize the customer service skills he learned in the car business. What better way to do this by opening a bar in the township with his wife Kendra where he was born and raised so that he could continue to help people and support the schools within the community.

"We offer a friendly, laid-back, family atmosphere. We are a full-service restaurant with daily specials! With plenty of drinks to choose from, we'll make sure you have a great experience! We also offer a full-service patio! We are open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner," says Greg. When Greg and Kendra can't be present at the Tavern, they are very blessed to have two managers who run the establishment like it was their own. Aaron Dunaway (19 year employee) and Tami Sutton (12 year employee).

Specialties include our steaks, burgers, scrod, quesadillas, FRESH cut French fries and our signature 1/2 ALL BEEF footlong "Fal" Coney Hot Dog!

What we love most about Perry Township is Hands down....PERRY PRIDE! Our deep appreciation for our community rests on these two words! The respect we have for our community and the positive, long-lasting, and mutually-beneficial relationship is to be celebrated! The connection we've built

with our community and its members has kept us in business for almost 19 years! A great example of this support was during the Covid shut down of our Tavern. We thought about closing down for the duration of the mandate, but Kendra convinced Greg to stay open for carry-out. The first day didn't go very well, but once everyone found out we were open for lunch and dinner, the community came out to support us EVERY SINGLE DAY there after! We were able to keep 6 staff members staffed because of that! We were so overjoyed with the community support we received!

Whenever possible, we believe strongly in helping wherever we can with Perry Local Schools, Central Catholic High School and St. Joan of Arc. Additionally, we have strong ties with the Perry Twp Rotary, The Cancer Assistance Support Team, Perry Helping Perry and The Josette Beddell Memorial Foundation. All wonderful local charities/service groups doing wonderful things within our community!



FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

Winter has come and gone! Spring is now upon us and summer isn't far behind. Until the arrival of summer, enjoy the fresh smells of spring accompanied by springtime showers. There's nothing better than the scent of the first grass cutting, seeing the blooming flowers, and the sound of the returning birds.

Regardless of what you are doing to enjoy this wonderful 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 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.

Below you will find information regarding the approximate cost to outfit a firefighter with lifesaving protective clothing and equipment that protects us so we can protect you. Furthermore, I have included some brief information about each of our stations. As you can see they are aged. However, because of your continued support we are doing our best to maintain them in today's unstable economy and rising costs. We are also recognizing our employees' accomplishments as they are a crucial part of our team!

With that, I truly appreciate your gracious support and sincerely hope you and your family safely enjoy the springtime that is upon us.

Sincerely,
Fire Chief Larry Sedlock



Fire Chief Larry Sedlock
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\$11,590.00

Cost to outfit one firefighter with lifesaving protective clothing and equipment

Note: Figure can vary depending on the manufacturer but are an accurate representation



Captain Shawn Nelson: 25 Years of Service

A special thank you to Captain Shawn Nelson for his 25 years of dedication to our township and for his leadership and strong work ethic! We wish him a happy & healthy retirement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHTS



Captain Jamie Gray

Jamie was recently promoted to Captain. He is a 17-year veteran of our department and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and respect to his position. In addition to his duties as a Captain, he also serves as the Union President. Outside of work, he is a devoted father and husband who enjoys the outdoors.



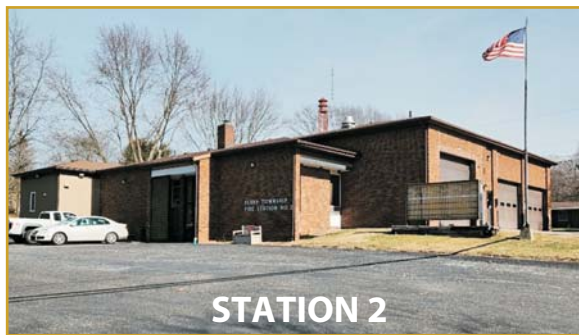
Captain Jack Keim III

Jack was recently promoted and is serving as our EMS Captain. He is a 20-year veteran of our department who began serving our community as a volunteer. He is well respected, knowledgeable, and dependable. Jack is a family-oriented father who loves spending time with his wife and two boys.



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STATION 3

3100 Bailey Ave NW, Massillon, Ohio
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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 Dept. Call Statistics

Call Type	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
EMS	224	185	230	274	219	225	218	220	217	219	228	227	206
Patient Lifts	18	26	22	34	25	50	33	30	45	32	38	32	25
MVA	11	19	15	19	11	19	11	18	8	10	9	4	10
Building Fires	2	0	3	0	2	3	1	3	0	5	2	1	2
Vehicle Fires	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Mutual Aid Given	2	0	3	0	4	4	3	4	3	0	3	4	2

Understanding the Gas Tax

A township resident recently inquired of our office if it was a financial benefit to the township if residents purchased gasoline from facilities located within the township. Your Fiscal Officer thought this would be a simple question to answer. What I found was that the answer is likely no, but that conclusion comes from a torturous journey through the history of legislative action, and conversations with various state agency bureaucrats.

The "Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax", commonly known as the "Gas Tax" is grounded in the Ohio Constitution Article XII, Section 5a. The state of Ohio retains 75% of the tax collected and distributes the remaining 25% to townships (20%), cities (42.8%) and counties (37.2%) These funds can only be used for road construction, maintenance or repair, enforcement of traffic laws or other specific road-related expenses.

The Gas Tax had been 28 cents per gallon since July 2005. Effective 7/1/2019, House Bill 62 of the 133rd General Assembly increased the rate to 38 cents a gallon. Here is the annual receipt of Gas Tax revenue from 2018 to 2022:

2018 - \$232,283.20
 2019 - \$320,649.72
 2020 - \$454,715.15
 2021 - \$465,877.30
 2022 - \$459,758.52



Gas Tax is paid by wholesale dealers to the state Department of Taxation. The amount of the distributions to townships utilizes a mind-numbing formula that considers the number of centerline miles of roadway and registered motor vehicles per township. Ohio Revised Code section 5735.27 provides that the amounts distributed to township are to be "in equal proportions". So the answer to the question that prompted this examination seems to be that buying gas for your vehicle in the township does not directly provide added benefit to the township.

But this raises a more compelling question of how we can adequately fund the maintenance, repair or enhancement of our roads without further burdening the taxpayer with property tax levies.

The Gas Tax is one source of funds for Road Department operations. The township also receives from the state Vehicle License Tax which is about \$150,000 annually.

Real property tax provides "inside millage" to the Road & Bridge Fund and Road District Fund, which in 2021, was about 2 million dollars. This goes to support the department operations: vehicles, equipment, personnel, road salt, patching materials and drainage projects.

Making up the difference for necessary funding comes via "outside millage" generated through voter approved levies. The current road levy generates \$625,258 annually and was renewed for five years in May, 2021.

While this increase in Gas Tax revenue is welcome, the impetus to raise the rate of tax to 38 cents a gallon was to offset years of stagnation of revenue for transportation improvements. We are all painfully aware of the difficulty in funding paving of deteriorating township roads. Like everything else, the cost of road salt and asphalt continues to increase, making it difficult to maintain a sustainable program of township wide road maintenance and paving without the direct support of residents at the ballot box.



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ROAD & PARKS DEPT. UPDATE



**Public Works Director
Anthony Davide**
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I would like to introduce myself. My name is Anthony M. Davide. I am the new Public Works Director for Perry Township. I came from Jackson Township where I spent 7 years in the Highway Dept. I am responsible for the Road and Park Departments. As we begin our spring projects, which includes finishing up our 2022 paving project, and improving the drainage issues at Meredith Park. I am also looking forward to working with the Fire, Police and Zoning Departments when needed as well as the school system. Everyone pulling together is what makes our community so special.

Soon, the Perry Township Road Department will be out ditching, doing culvert replacements, catch basin repairs, filling potholes, street sweeping, and mowing. Please be aware of your surroundings when you are out and about traveling through the Township.

I have created a 30/60/90 day plan to move our Roads & Parks departments forward. Along with our dedicated and experienced team members at our Road Department, we look forward to obtaining these goals and improving our Perry Roads & Parks. We will continue to report our progress to you in our Community Magazine and on our township website. We encourage you to visit our website at perrytwp.com and complete a comment form to let us know what is important to you. We look forward to hearing from you!

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Rob Halter

Rob has been with us as a Road Maintenance Specialist for 5 years. Rob brings a wealth of knowledge to the road department, has a wonderful work ethic, and helps out wherever he can. Rob is a 1998 graduate from Perry High School, and lives in the Township with his lovely wife Sally, whom he has been married to for 20 years. They have one son, Rowan, who keeps them busy with travel baseball throughout the week and the weekends.

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

Introducing Michael Watson: Road Maintenance Specialist

Under the recommendation of PWD Anthony Davide, the Board of Trustees hired Michael Watson on March 21st. Michael's passion for Perry, team mentality, and can-do attitude were evident in the interview process. He was previously employed at the Jackson Twp. Road Dept. Michael was born and raised in Perry Twp., graduated from Perry, attended Akron U. & Stark State. Family is of the utmost priority to Michael. He and his wife, Kelcie plan to raise their family in Perry. We look forward to having Michael join our Perry Road Team!



Michael Watson (center) with Board members

Perry Township Road Paving Program will continue on April 17, weather permitting

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Anna Ave	4th St	3rd St.	Ambrose	3rd St. N.W.	10th St. N.W.
Anna Ave	2nd St.	3rd St.	Ambrose	Tusc	Baunach St
Victoria Ave	4th St	3rd St.	Aurora St.	Woodlawn	Whipple
Cayuga Ave	Yukon	Barrie	Baunach St.	West Termini	Whipple
Cayuga Ave	Barrie	Tioga	Emma St.	West Termini	Whipple
Mohawk Ave	4th St.	Monticello	Manor Ave	4th St. N.W.	12 St. N.W.
Mt. Marie	Tioga	Barrie	Manor Ave	2nd St. N.W.	4th St. N.W.
Mt. Marie	Rt. 172	Barrie	Marcellus St.	Miles N.W.	Whipple N.W.
Fromm Ave	Aurora	Tioga	Marguerite Ave N.W.	South Termini	7th St. N.W.
Oneida Ave	4th St.	Quincy	Miles Ave N.W.	South Termini	11th St. N.W.
Tioga St	Perry Dr	Oneida	Bailey St N.W.	Stewart N.W.	Leonard Ave N.W.
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7th St. N.W.	Woodlawn	Whipple	Mollane N.W.	Genoa	Stewart N.W.
8th St. N.W.	Whipple	Miles	Montrose Ave N.W.	Georgia N.W.	North Termini
9th St. N.W.	West Termini	Whipple	Pershing Ave N.W.	Tuscarawas St. N.W.	North Termini
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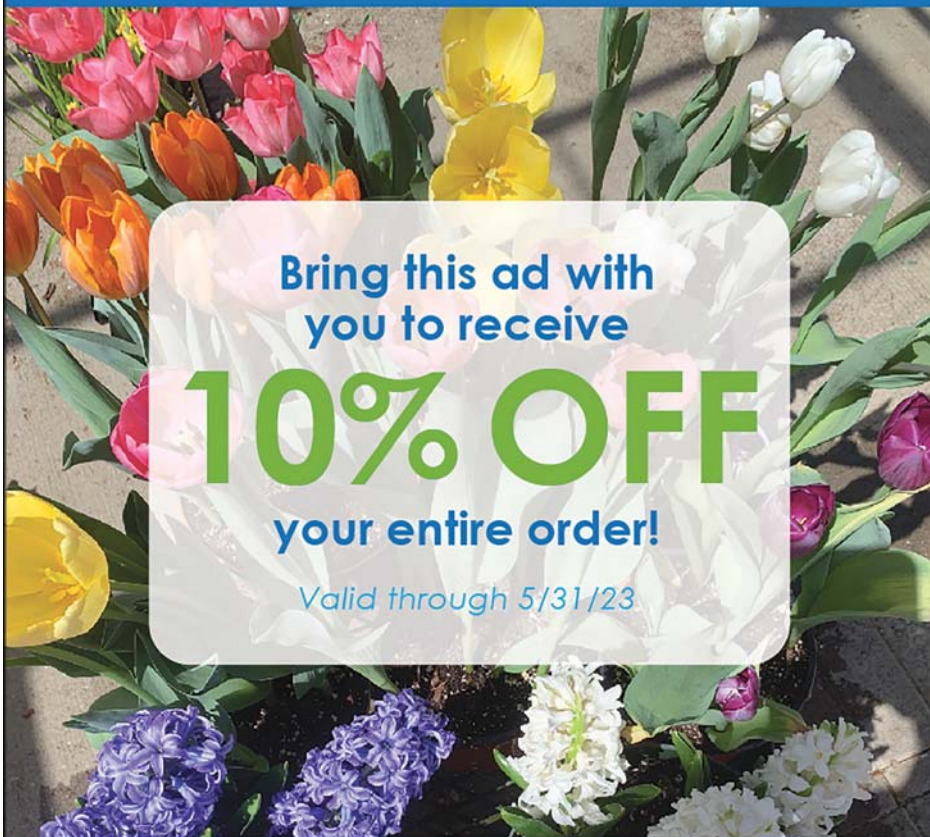


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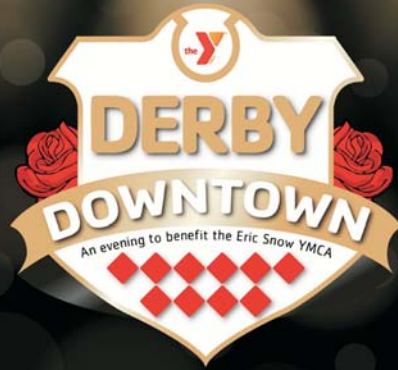
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ZONING DEPARTMENT UPDATE



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We've had some good responses to our last article about on street versus off street parking. I want to clarify a few points based on some calls and letters we have received since the article was published. First, remember a vehicle may legally be parked in the street if the following conditions exist: 1. The vehicle has current plates and tags, 2. The vehicle is not in an inoperable state (has flat or missing tires, a smashed windshield, missing panels etc.), 3. Is not parked where No Parking Signs have been posted or is not parked away from the curb or at an intersection, blocking vision.

If a vehicle appears to be in violation of any of these conditions for on street parking, please reach out to our police department to register your concern. Finally, a vehicle may legally park in the easement off the street commonly referred to as a Devil Strip. This is that area sometimes covered with blacktop or gravel between the edge of the right of way and the sidewalk for those neighborhoods with sidewalks in our community. Exceptions to this would be if that strip is actually landscaped with trees, flowers, flowerbeds, has a built-up curb, etc.

If you have a nuisance complaint about a vehicle or any other issue, please keep a few things in mind. First our hours of operation. If someone illegally parks a vehicle during the weekdays after 4 PM or on the weekends, no one will be available to inspect the address of the complaint until the following business day. Second is our procedure for vehicles or any other nuisance complaint. We must visually inspect the property in question and take our own pictures to create a valid file of an actual zoning violation then generate a series of letters to the property occupant and/or property owner in question. It is only after a series of written notifications are sent and there has been no effort made to come into compliance with zoning regulations that additional steps may be

taken by this office. Those proposed steps will also be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

PERMITS

We are already off to a quick start for the year with just over 40 approved applications and issued permits (also referred to as zoning certificates) to both home and business owners. There are a few things to keep in mind for businesses and homeowners. If you are unsure whether your project needs a permit, give us a call to find out. Nothing can be more frustrating for you than to add a structure to your residential property only to find out after the fact that a permit is required from the township. If you bring in a prefabricated shed or are having a shed built on your property, there are setback guidelines for the placement of your shed. Also, if your shed is 200 square feet or larger you will need a building permit from the county.

Other items which require a building permit include additions to your home, new home construction, detached garages and swimming pools to name a few. For a more exhaustive list of projects which may require a county building permit in addition to a zoning certificate please visit www.starkcountyohio.gov and search for 'building permits'.

Please check with your local Home Owners Association as they may often have additional restrictions on what is and is not allowed in your neighborhood. Businesses in Perry Township must be certain they have a Certificate of Conformance on file with our office. This is generally applied for while your business has a fire inspection which is conducted by the Perry Fire Department. You may stop by the office to pick up an application or complete it online by going to www.perrytwp.com choose the Departments drop down tab, select zoning then click on the yellow banner for the Community Zoning Portal. Scroll and click on the appropriate application. Examples of needed business permits include signs, additions to an existing building or new commercial construction. Check with the county for additional permit requirements.

TOWNSHIP NEWS continued

Perry Township Comprehensive Plan

10 minutes is all you need to take a survey to help guide future growth and development decisions for the Perry Township Comprehensive Plan. Scan the QR code below or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckpcnzs> to access the survey.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



It is our pleasure to introduce Chris Whittenberger to you as our new administrative assistant. When you call our office you will hear Chris's friendly, professional voice. Chris had experience in working for Canton Twp. about 7 years ago, so this has been a seamless transition for her. Her cheerful personality and can-do attitude makes her a remarkable addition to our small office team. Chris and her husband, Eric have four boys; Matthew age 23, Luke 20, Jacob 19, and Trent 16 years old.

Chris enjoys crafting, baking, decorating cakes and cupcakes, and spending time with her family and extended family. Chris has 3 brothers, 3 sisters, 15 nieces and nephews and 13 great nieces and nephews. Chris's dream job when she retires is to volunteer in the NICU and hold the babies when their families cannot be there. Her dream house would be on the beach so she can sit on her couch, or at the kitchen table and watch the water whether it is a lake or an ocean and read a book. However, for now you can find Chris with us at our Perry Township Administration office!

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LOCAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE



Flowers By Pat

The original Pat started the company in the mid 50s at the age of 18. She was a self-taught designer. She always tells us that it's a God-given talent and the best gift she ever received. She's a legend!

The flower shop was originally located on Harding and moved to the current location when this beautiful yellow plaza was built. Pat was hands-on with the design of the space and boy, did she do awesome! There have been a few changes in ownership over the years but I am the current owner since June of 2018.

We have the DREAM TEAM! Kathryn is our head designer and manager and the queen of it all. She just celebrated 16 years with the company. Patricia and Josh are staff designers. They have crazy talent! We have a few seasonal helpers, Serina and Jessika who help us when it gets wild. Love those gals! Robin is our shop assistant. She keeps the place spotless and helps out anywhere and everywhere she can. Ed and Bob are the drivers. These guys deliver all the smiles.

Flowers are such an important part of life. We get to celebrate the good times and the bad. We love to get to know our customers and help celebrate the occasions in their lives. Although I had no previous experience, with many years of waiting tables in Perry Township, I

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got to know some of the best people around! The legendary Vito Corleone's, Michael D's and TJ Dillons are a few places I've served and met some great friends. Getting calls and visits from these folks is a daily inspiration for me.

Our slogan is "Your occasion. Our magic." Our team works that magic daily. Another bonus is our shop cat, Elvis. He came to us through Peace, Love and Paws rescue, also of Perry. He is a character! He gets daily visits and he thoroughly enjoys head rubs and the occasional treat... or ten. Check out our Facebook page for updates on Elvis and his antics.

Our specialty product is DESIGNER'S CHOICE! Give us a color palette, an inspiration photo, or just a description of what you envision and we work the magic! We love creating that one-of-a-kind, jaw dropping beauty!

Perry is the coolest community. The massive amount of friends I've met over the years shows what a diverse and fun community this is. I love to see how the community comes together. We truly appreciate the love and support. It's such a pleasure to see the babies grow up and to be there for every occasion along the way. Thanks Perry!

Michael



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Perry Township Electric Aggregation Program



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There have recently been a lot of conversations and inquiries posed to our office about electric bills and aggregation programs. And rightfully so. We want to share with you the origination and purpose of the Perry Township Electric Aggregation program and what options are available to you.

In May 2010, Perry Township residents voted to allow the Township to contract for an electric aggregation supplier on their behalf, at no cost to the Township. This allows the Township to be able to choose a certified electric aggregation supplier on our residents' behalf. The Township does not pay the broker. The broker is paid by the supplier.

Perry Township's Energy Broker is Independent Energy Consultants. Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail electric generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Please see the chart depicting current aggregation rates and terms for AEP & Ohio Edison Customers. The AEP customers program rate is 4.82 cents/kWh and doesn't expire until May 2025. Ohio Edison customers program rate is an astounding 10.48 cents/kWh with the term expiring in September of 2023. Last September, that was the best rate our broker was able to secure at that time. Traditionally approximately 9 suppliers would bid our program. In 2022 our broker only received 3 bids, the lowest of which was Energy Harbor at 10.48 cents/kWh. Normally we would lock in a good rate for 3 years. However, recognizing it was not a good rate, compared to previous years, it was the lowest of the 3 rates bid. For that reason, we only locked into this rate for 1 year instead of multiple years. This year, in mid to late April, our broker will solicit RFP (Requests for Proposals) to refresh our rates so that we can offer our residents a more cost-effective rate. In late May or early June, we will meet with our broker to review the rate results and secure the lowest rate possible for our residents.

Please note you do not have to stay with your current program plan. There is no penalty to opt out. We encourage you to consider shopping the Apples to Apples ~ Electric Aggregation Energy Choice Ohio. You may opt out of the program over the phone by calling Energy Harbor at 866-636-3749.

AEP Ohio Customers				
Program Supplier	Supplier Phone	Program Rate	Term Ends	Termination Fee
Energy Harbor	866-636-3749	4.82 cents/kWh	May 2025	None

Ohio Edison Customers				
Program Supplier	Supplier Phone	Program Rate	Term Ends	Termination Fee
Energy Harbor	866-636-3749	10.48 cents/kWh	Sept 2023	None

Residents in both the Ohio Edison and the AEP Ohio service territory will be supplied by Energy Harbor, a PUCO certified electric marketer from Akron, Ohio. Energy Harbor offers a wide range of energy and related products and services, including the generation and sale of electricity and energy planning and procurement. They have years of experience serving electric programs like ours across Ohio.

Your local utility company will continue to deliver your electricity, read your meters, and issue your monthly bills. You will continue to call the local utility for emergency repairs, downed power lines, billing questions, etc.

Utility Company	Utility Contact Phone
AEP Ohio	800-672-2231
Ohio Edison	888-544-4877

Please visit perrytwp.com and type *Electric Aggregation* in the search bar for additional Electric Aggregation details and questions and answers fact sheets. Please note our office cannot answer inquiries about Energy Harbor's service program. You may call their direct number at 866-636-3749.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call or e-mail our office at: 330-833-2141 or office@perrytwp.com



THE LEGACY PROJECT OF STARK began in 2015 by founder Eugene Lingenhoel. He began mentoring students at Lehman Middle School and now has grown to a county wide program. The Legacy project has a variety of mentoring programs including school-based ImPACT groups. We have been in the Perry school district for the past five years. Pfeiffer Intermediate and Edison Middle School are two schools that currently house groups. This year we are serving 68 students with 24 amazingly dedicated volunteer mentors. Typically, two adult mentors meet with a small group of four to six students once weekly to discuss social and emotional growth topics and facilitate activities outlined in our own curriculum guidebook. We believe that developmental relationships promote resiliency, emotional well-being and the social skills that students need to thrive. Through our curriculum, we are able to encourage smart decisions, responsible academic performance, and positive behavior modifications. We think every student can benefit from having a mentor! For anyone who might want more information on how they can get involved, please visit us online at LpStark.org



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