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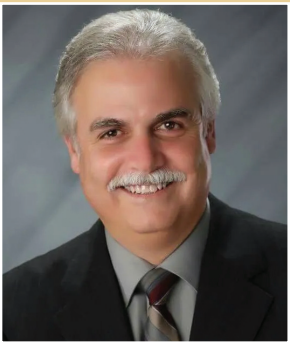


# PERRY Township News

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### 10TH ANNUAL

## Perry Township Oktoberfest & Rotary Community Parade

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Parade sponsored by Perry Rotary begins at 11:30 am (line up at 10:30)  
OKTOBERFEST festivities sponsored by AQUA will immediately follow from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Hartwick Park (next to PHS Tennis Courts)



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THE AMAZING  
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ENJOY a variety of food, vendors & adult beverage garden! Rotary of Perry Township is sponsoring Pumpkin Decorating. FREE Inflatables, Petting Zoo and Balloon Sculptures sponsored by AQUA, Perry Police, Road, Fire & Administration Displays Arts, Crafts & Face Painting - PHS Students

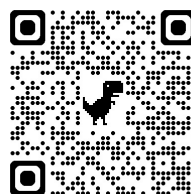


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DUNK TANK  
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Proceeds support charity



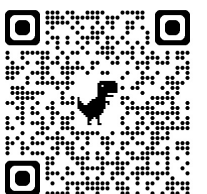
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Parade begins at rear of Central Catholic Stadium (on 13th St.) at 11:30am

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## An Update from Board Trustee, Lisa Nelligan

### Happy Summer Perry Township!

As we enjoy this wonderful time of year, I want to assure you that your Board of Trustees are dedicated to serving our community. On the first and third Tuesday, of each month at 6pm you will find the Trustees along with department heads and others either in regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings or work sessions, tackling issues that arise, planning for Perry Township's future or discussing general township business.

As you may or may not be aware, the Trustees must discuss and make decisions in an open meeting with public invitation. There are situations where the Trustees can go into Executive Session to discuss certain topics defined by the Ohio Revised Code, however, no action can be taken in those meetings. Also, the Trustees cannot make independent decisions regarding township business, there must be at least a 2-1 vote by your Trustees.

Therefore, Tuesdays are very important to us as we are discussing topics to move our township forward. There are several projects that we are looking into that we feel would help our residents, businesses and visitors to our community. Here are a couple of larger projects that are being discussed.

We are looking at developing an Architectural Review Board for the township. This 5-person board with at least

one licensed architect or engineer, would help design and enforce any zoning standards pertaining to landscaping and architectural elements. The Trustees would adopt standards and procedures for the architectural review board to use in reviewing zoning permit applications for compliance with those landscaping or architectural standards.

Another project we are working on is the implementation of a storm water district under Chapter 6119 of the Ohio Revised Code. This district is necessary to provide an efficient and convenient means to address and eliminate the current dangers to the public health, safety, convenience and welfare caused by storm water management problems, including antiquated and insufficient infrastructure. This district would efficiently provide a central entity to manage storm water regulatory matters, policy, best practices and infrastructure.

Other topics that are being discussed are Small Solar Energy Systems, Cannabis Dispensaries, needs for our parks, levy discussions, etc.

I encourage you to join us at our Township meetings.

*Have a safe and happy Summer.*

*Lisa Nelligan*

## TOWNSHIP NEWS



*Joyce Martin, Township Administrator*  
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### Bee Part of an Engaging Community

On June 8th, our Perry Community gathered together for our first annual Movie & Ice Cream in the Park. Just look at the faces of our community members. Perry Pride is alive and well! Engaging communities give us a sense of belonging. Having a sense of community lifts our spirits, character, and pride.

Communities bring people together with diverse backgrounds, experiences and common interests. It is a special feeling knowing that people within our community matter to each other. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves.

There are so many positive aspects of our Perry Township community. Providing unique opportunities for people to learn from each other and give support and encouragement are an invaluable part of any community support system. Being a part of our Perry community enables us to give support to each other. There is an overabundance of stress in the busy world we live in. There has never been a more important time to help others struggling to make ends meet, and with their mental and physical wellbeing. Being patient and supportive of others will help them to feel good and better about themselves.

It's been said that sharing stimulates innovation and growth. In addition to having personal benefits of gaining knowledge and insight, sharing also contributes to the community's greater worth. In Perry Township we are blessed to have so many remarkable people who share what they have and what they know with others.

At our Movie & Ice Cream in the Park event, Keith Nutter, AQUA Manager and our event sponsor, along with wife Diana Nutter shared their knowledge and passion for Bees with everyone in attendance, prior to the playing of Disney's *Bee Movie*! The kiddos and their parents enjoyed the presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation Keith Nutter posed several Bee trivia questions to the guests and several kiddos enjoyed receiving a Bee Basket filled with a Bee T-shirt and a variety of candy. The Nutters helped some of our young guests as they tried on bee keeper's suits!

If you attended our Movie & Ice Cream event, please share your comments of your experience with us at office@perrytwp.com If you weren't able to join us and you have some community event suggestions or any other topics you want to share with us, please do so.

As always, we encourage you to register for Nixle to stay informed of our township's alerts and community events. You may register for Nixle by texting "perrytwpoh" to: 888777.

*Wishing all of you a safe and memorable summer!*

*Joyce Martin*



## LOCAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE



### Perry Tanning & Sportswear

4030 Lincoln Way E • Massillon • 330-477-2745 • perrytanning@yahoo.com

Tracey Maier, President of Perry Tanning & Sportswear Inc., bought the business approximately thirty years ago. She has loved every minute she has spent with wonderful customers who have now become friends! Tracey purchased the company from another person that had success in the tanning industry. She then added the high school apparel and silk screening in 1999. That year, Perry football beat both Massillon and McKinley and so Tracey designed a shirt that read "Look what the Panthers Dragged In". The shirts were a hit in our community, and the apparel business took off from there.

Tracey currently operates her business with three team members which includes herself, Kristy Cooper and her daughter Kaylee Maier who graduated this year from Perry High School. Many years ago, when Tracey was attending college, she worked at Always Summer Tanning on Whipple Ave. She really loved waiting on the tanners, and she knew that running a tanning salon would be a profitable and enjoyable job.

Tracey has always put her heart into making this business the best, and most reasonably priced tanning salon around. She keeps her salon clean, and makes tanning beds and bulb maintenance a priority. The Perry sportswear apparel addition has been a wonderful service she provides to our community, especially during the slow parts of the tanning season. Perry Tanning & Sportswear offers Perry-themed apparel and also custom silk screening to many area businesses. The team loves being a part of the Perry Community and selling their merchandise inclusive of all sports that the community has to offer.

They love serving their customers and appreciate the friendliness of residents that come in to buy their apparel. Come in and shop as a stranger, and leave as a friend. Tracey still has tanners frequenting her store since the first day she opened her doors to our community!

Tracey has given her all to the business and community that she loves. She wants to invite you to stop in and introduce yourself. She assures you that she and her team appreciate your business. They will do whatever it takes to make sure every customer has a positive and happy experience.



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## Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

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### Hello Everyone,

Well, summertime is upon us, where did the time go? I hope you are enjoying it because it won't be long and Fall will be here. I personally like the summer months when I can be outside enjoying the beautiful weather even if it is just putting around the yard, taking care of the garden, or just relaxing on the patio.

At your department, we have been busy with both calls and community activities. Events like Career Day, Exceptional Olympics, Community Safety Day, Memorial Day

Remembrance, Hero Run, Ice Cream and a Movie, Touch-A-Truck, Buttons & Bows Family Day, and let us not forget station tours all of which keep us plenty busy. As you can see, we are in the community because we want you to know we are here for you other than emergency calls. We proudly have equipment on display for all of you to see what we have to take care of you if the need arises. Another way we offer support is by providing educational safety handouts. Handouts that range from everything from cooking tips to carbon monoxide safety.

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 especially with the rapidly increasing costs. Although it has been difficult, we are trying to add more full-time 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 truly appreciate your gracious support and sincerely hope you and your family safely enjoy the summertime that is upon us.

Sincerely, Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

## FIRE DEPT. SPOTLIGHT

### Andrew Beitler

Meet the newest member of the Perry Township Fire Department team, Andrew Beitler. Andrew is a graduate of Green High School class of 2023. During his junior and senior years, Andrew attended the Portage Lakes Career Center (PLCC) where obtained both his Firefighter II and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications. Currently,



Andrew is a student at Stark State College where he is enrolled in the Traditional Paramedic program. He will be graduating in December of 2024.

In addition to spending time with his family and friends, Andrew keeps fit as he enjoys lifting weights and running. Additionally, he has other interests that include rock climbing and playing golf.

*Please welcome Andrew to the Perry Township Fire Department family.*



## Zoll AutoPulse Resuscitation System

In the last newsletter, I wrote an article about an extremely important piece of life-saving equipment that is utilized by our department, the Zoll X-Series heart monitor. Allow me to tell you about another life-saving piece of equipment made by the same company that, under certain conditions, is utilized in conjunction with the X-Series heart monitor. This piece of advanced technology is called the Zoll AutoPulse Resuscitation System.

The AutoPulse provides nonstop high-quality automated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during an emergency medical condition known as sudden cardiac arrest. It is easy to use yet extremely effective. Unlike conventional CPR in which compressions are performed by pressing on the center of the victim's chest, this device squeezes the patient's entire chest thus increasing blood flow to both the heart and the brain.

It is portable, battery-operated, automatically sizes to the patient, and continues CPR whether we are moving the patient up or down stairs, around tight corners, or loading the patient into our ambulance. Because of the non-stop compressions, the patient's chance of survival is moderately increased.

This highly effective medical device comes with a price tag of approximately \$23,000.00 and because of your continued generosity to our department, we have 4 of them.

Although we can't save everyone who suffers from sudden cardiac arrest, this specialized equipment along with the knowledge and skills of our EMS professionals provides our patients with the best opportunity for survival.

## Summertime Safety Tips



No matter what you are doing to enjoy your summer here are some general safety tips that will help keep you safe.



### STAY HYDRATED

Hydration is always important for optimal body functioning, especially during the hot and humid months. Fluids are lost through sweat which happens a lot more often in the summer. Make sure you keep water with you and drink it often. Consuming foods with high water content (melons, lettuce, cucumbers, etc.) can also help you stay hydrated to avoid heat illnesses.



### EXERCISE WITH CAUTION OUTDOORS

If you enjoy exercising outdoors, you may wonder how to do so safely in the summer heat. It can be done, but you'll need to take extra precautions to ensure you don't put your health at risk. Staying hydrated is the number one key to safe outdoor exercise, along with enjoying exercise in shaded areas. If the heat index is over 90 degrees, you may want to consider working out indoors or waiting until the evening.

### WATCH OUT FOR POISONOUS PLANTS

Poison ivy, poison sumac, or poison oak, causes issues for about 85% of the population. Of those, up to 15% are extremely allergic. When working in the yard or spending time in nature, be aware of the plants you're exposing yourself to, especially if you're not wearing long sleeves and pants. The plants are found everywhere so be aware.



### WEAR SUNSCREEN

Reduce your skin cancer risk (and the early onset of wrinkles!) by wearing sunscreen daily. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends applying sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Since no sunscreen can block all the sun's UVB rays, be sure to wear sunglasses, a hat, and cool, long-sleeved clothing when outdoors for long periods.

### GRILLING

- Keep your grill at least 10 feet from any structure
- Do not grill under an overhang or balcony
- Keep kids and pets away from the grill
- Never leave the grill unattended
- Have an extinguisher or garden hose handy

### EMERGENCY WEATHER KIT

Heavy area storms can easily knock out power and scatter debris, making it difficult to travel outside the home for necessities. Ensure you have a full emergency kit ready to go with non-perishable food, flashlights, water, a first aid kit, extra medications, etc. to see you through an emergency.

### PROTECT YOUR PETS

- Never, ever leave your dog in the car
- Make sure they have easy access to fresh water
- Make sure they have access to shade while outside
- If you take them for a walk, do it during the cooler hours of the day and try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws.
- Protect them from fleas and ticks

*These are just a few things that will help keep you and your family safe throughout the summer.*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



**Police Chief Bryan Taylor**  
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As the Chief of Police, I am honored to serve and protect such a vibrant and caring community. On behalf of the Perry Township Police Department, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and generosity you have shown us. Your thoughtful gestures mean more to us than words can express. Your unwavering support serves as a constant reminder of why we do what we do. It strengthens our



perseverance and fuels our dedication to protecting and serving this wonderful community. We are honored to serve you and are committed to working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all our residents.

As we navigate the coming months, I want to take this opportunity to share some important safety reminders and extend my best wishes to all of you.

### COMMUNITY SAFETY TIPS

**Stay Vigilant:** Always be aware of your surroundings. Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately. Your vigilance helps us keep the community safe.

**Secure Your Home:** Ensure all doors and windows are locked, especially when you are away. Consider installing security systems and outdoor lighting to deter potential intruders.

**Safe Driving:** Follow traffic laws and be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists. Avoid distractions while driving and never drive under the influence.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Have an emergency plan in place for your family. Keep a kit with essential supplies and stay informed about local emergency procedures.

**Cyber Safety:** Protect your personal information online. Use strong, unique passwords for your accounts and be cautious of scams.

### FIREWORKS

As we approach the celebration season, I would like to remind everyone about the local fireworks laws and the importance of safety during this festive time. It is crucial that we all adhere to the regulations in place to ensure the safety of our community. Fireworks should only be used during designated times. Be mindful of ordinances and respectful of your neighbors. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Let's work together to keep our community safe while celebrating responsibly.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

## Debra Ponieski



We are honored to shine a light on Debra Ponieski, a dedicated member of our team whose journey with the department spans over two decades.

Debra began her career with us through a temporary agency and quickly proved herself as an invaluable asset. In the year 2000, she transitioned to a full-time role as a dispatcher, where her exceptional organizational skills and unwavering commitment to public service were evident from the start.

Recognizing her talents and dedication, Debra was promoted to Chief Administrative Assistant in the same year, where she excelled in managing administrative tasks and supporting departmental operations.

Debra later returned to dispatch duties until the department outsourced the service. Undeterred, she seamlessly transitioned to the role of Records Clerk in 2015, where she continues to make an impact on our daily operations.

As a Records Clerk, Debra's responsibilities extend far beyond administrative duties. She is the friendly face assisting the public, the reliable LEADS TAC Officer, and the driving force behind officer LEADS training initiatives. Her dedication to maintaining accurate records and managing archived materials ensures the smooth functioning of our department.

Outside of work, Debra is a devoted wife of thirty years to her husband Gregory and a loving mother to her daughter. She takes immense joy in spending time with her three grandchildren and cherishes family moments above all else.

In her free time, Debra indulges in her passion for crafts and reading, finding solace and inspiration in creative pursuits. Known as the resident party planner and organizer, Debra brings her infectious enthusiasm and meticulous planning skills to every event, ensuring memorable celebrations for all.

Debra is more than just a valued member of our team--she is the heartbeat of our department, embodying the spirit of dedication, service, and camaraderie. We are grateful for her unwavering commitment and proud to have her as an integral part of our police family.

### Business Shoutout!

We are thrilled to spotlight **Children's Toy Fund Bingo** for their outstanding contribution to the Exceptional Olympics program. Children's Toy Fund Bingo has exemplified the true spirit of community support by generously donating stuffed animals and volunteering their time to make a difference in the lives of exceptional athletes.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to **CSE Federal Credit Union** for their consistent dedication and volunteerism year after year. Your commitment to serving our community through the Exceptional Olympics program is commendable.



## FIREWORKS

**FIREWORKS RESOLUTIONS 2022-026**  
THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION, OR EXPLOSION OF 1.4G FIREWORKS PURCHASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 3743.45 ARE RESTRICTED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TO THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

- THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY FROM MIDNIGHT TO 12:15 AM
- CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY
- THE 5TH DAY OF MAY
- THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY
- THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE
- THE 4TH DAY OF JULY
- THE FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER
- DIWALI
- THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE TIME ON ALL DATES IS FROM 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

## PERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE ANNUAL COOKOUT WITH COPS!

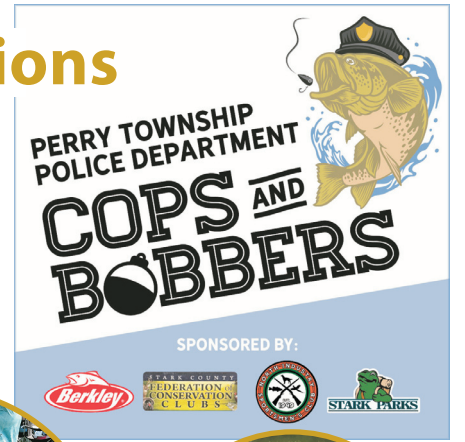
Come meet your local law enforcement officers! We're hosting our annual cookout where you can enjoy food, fun, a coloring contest, and great conversations with the men and women who serve and protect our community.

<b>DATE: SATURDAY</b> July 27, 2024 <b>TIME: 12:00PM-3:00PM</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b> 622 Genoa Ave SW (POLICE DEPARTMENT)
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**THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!**

## Annual Cops & Bobbers event builds connections

The annual Cops & Bobbers event, held at Petros Park on May 13, 2024, was a resounding success, bringing together local law enforcement and community members for an evening of fishing, fun, and memories. Organized by Perry Township Police Department's DARE Officer, Officer Blanc alongside School Resource Officer, Officer Letta, the event aimed to foster positive relationships between officers and residents, especially the younger members of the community. Chief Taylor expressed his satisfaction with the event's turnout and impact stating, "Cops & Bobbers is all about building trust and creating lasting connections within our community. It's wonderful to see our officers and residents enjoying time together outside of their usual interactions. This kind of engagement is invaluable."



Throughout the evening, children reeled in their catches, proudly displaying their fish. The Perry Township Police Department would like to express gratitude to the sponsors that helped make this event such a success: Stark Parks, North Industry Sportsman Club, Berkley Fishing Club and Stark County Federation of Conservation Club. Thank you to the volunteers for donating their time and resources to make this such a memorable evening! Congratulations to the following trophy winners... Longest Fish Caught: Tristen at 22.5 inches long, Most Fish Caught: Andrew at 11 fish and Smallest Fish Caught: Easton at 3 inches!



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# ZONING DEPT. NEWS



**Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell**  
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Warm weather and sunny skies have once again returned to Stark County. As property owners we are confronted with the rapid growth of grass and also unwanted things like noxious weeds which need cut, trimmed, or removed. We undertake projects and when they are finished we have leftover construction materials, half empty paint cans, containers of varnish or scrap metal. We clean out the shed and discover old tires from our lawn tractor or even tires from a vehicle we no longer own.

While undertaking your annual spring clean out you may have discovered several old radios, broken calculators, and a dinosaur of a computer in the basement long forgotten and no longer functional. The question then arises as to what to do about all the stuff we accumulate.

Good news! All your newly discovered "treasures" may be properly disposed of thanks to the efforts of the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District. A few simple clicks on your phone or computer keyboard will provide information on what you may recycle and where. You will be able to schedule a time to take these items (as well as other types of hazardous waste, electronics, even certain appliances) to the Canton Recycle Center.

There is also a residential tire disposal program which allows the disposal of up to ten tires per person per year! Visit [www.timetorecycle.org](http://www.timetorecycle.org) or call 330-874-2258 and press extension 1 for more information.

In addition to this great resource the township has large recycle bins located at the Township Administrative Office at 3111 Hilton St NW, on the corner of Hilton St and Austin Ave NW, our Perry Township Road Department Garage located at 1500 Jackson Ave SW, and 5075 Southway St SW. These containers are for plastic bottles, cans, glass bottles cardboard and paper.

Keeping grass and weeds cut and removing trash and recyclable items from our properties greatly improves the character of our neighborhoods, while also keeping them clean and safe. Looking forward to a great new season in 2024!

## Permit Payment Report 05/01/2024 - 06/14/2024

Permit Date	Zoning Certificate Type	Payment Amount	Project Cost	Square Feet	Main Status	Parcel #	Permit #
4/23/2024	Accessory Structure	101.80	33,000	768	Approved	4310202	24079
4/25/2024	Fence	15.00	2,541	40	Approved	4600304	24084
4/25/2024	Fence	15.00	2,650	40	Approved	4308825	24085
4/29/2024	Fence	15.50	24,000	105	Approved	10013287	24090
4/30/2024	Fence	16.00	4,000	110	Approved	4302668	24091
5/5/2024	Fence	34.00	8,000	290	Approved	4313563	24092
5/7/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	25,000	400	Approved	4317246	24093
5/7/2024	Commercial Construction	54.80	1,200	48	Approved	4303380	24094
5/7/2024	Sign	80.00	3,000	36	Approved	4301845	24095
5/9/2024	Fence	38.00	12,000	330	Approved	4311842	24096
5/9/2024	Pool	50.00	75,000	880	Approved	4305726	24097
5/10/2024	Fence	15.00	2,500	40	Approved	10004567	24098
5/10/2024	Fence	22.20	4,000	172	Approved	4312855	24099
5/10/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	9,750	350	Approved	4304024	24100
5/13/2024	Fence	22.50	1,778	175	Approved	4313717	24101
5/13/2024	Fence	20.00	2,500	150	Approved	4304243	H26 24102
5/13/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	15,000	150	Approved	4306377	24103
5/14/2024	Fence	25.00	5,000	200	Approved	4303645	24104
5/17/2024	Sign	50.00	500	31	Approved	4306600	24106
5/20/2024	Fence	26.80	7,600	218	Approved	4302670	24107
5/20/2024	Fence	15.00	235	16	Approved	4301833	24108
5/22/2024	Accessory Structure	46.00	3,000	210	Approved	4302326	24109
5/28/2024	Pool	50.00	2,000	0	Approved	4311110	24110
5/28/2024	Fence	38.50	9,550	335	Approved	4304675	24113
5/28/2024	Fence	15.00	2,000	48	Approved	4317843	24114
5/29/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	6,500	24	Approved	4309822	24116
5/29/2024	Pool	50.00	1,000	255	Approved	4311023	24117
5/29/2024	Addition to residential structure	25.00	600	80	Approved	4301710	24118
5/31/2024	Addition to residential structure	26.70	21,000	17	Approved	4316691	24119
5/31/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	4,890	60	Approved	4312345	24120
6/2/2024	Fence	17.80	4,500	128	Approved	4314885	24122
6/3/2024	Fence	25.00	16,812	192	Approved	4319150	24123
6/3/2024	Fence	15.00	1,000	44	Approved	4309135	24124
6/4/2024	Sign	150.00	36,200	88	Approved	4317353	24125
6/4/2024	Accessory Structure	25.00	22,164	272	Approved	10013298	24126
6/4/2024	Conditional Use Permit	350.00	10,000	680	Approved with Conditions	10012058	24127
6/6/2024	Accessory Structure	44.20	8,000	192	Approved	4314888	24128
6/7/2024	Fence	15.00	50	8	Approved	4300778	24132
6/10/2024	Addition to residential structure	206.40	40,000	1,814	Approved	4308164	24133
6/10/2024	Sign	50.00	3,028	30	Approved	4310282	24134
6/10/2024	Sign	50.00	1,890	24	Approved	4310282	24135
6/10/2024	Pool	50.00	5,000	15	Approved	4310777	24136
6/10/2024	Accessory Structure	34.60	550	96	Approved	4303492	24137
6/12/2024	Fence	15.00	600	34	Approved	4315301	24139
6/13/2024	Accessory Structure	38.00	2,000	130	Approved	4317008	24141
6/13/2024	Sign	80.00	7,865	64	Approved	4318892	24142
6/14/2024	Pool	50.00	500	18	Approved	4311926	24143
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**Anthony Davide**  
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## A Farewell Message

Hello Perry Township! Over the past 18 months, I have enjoyed the opportunity of serving you as your Public Works Director. Early on, I began evaluating the needs of the Road Department and Park System. I worked closely with my team to determine what services were needed to hire a company that would be a good fit to help us determine road paving assessments, in order to prioritize the roads that were most in need of improvements.

It was a team effort and priority project to determine a paving road map to move our township forward. Once those needs were identified, our Road Levy committee worked diligently to create a road levy plan that would take care of all of our township road needs within 5 years. We did our best to communicate that plan by creating specific video messages rolled out to you on the Road Levy Facebook page, in our Community Magazine and invited you to township levy meetings and even an Open House at the Road Garage. While we made every effort to communicate concisely and clearly, we understand that it was not fiscally achievable for the majority of township residents. The Levy Committee heard you and we will reassess our options moving forward.

While a bit challenging, it was my pleasure planning to have the much needed restroom facilities permitted for both Perry Park and Summerdale Park. The Perry community deserves clean and modern restroom facilities. The Perry Park restroom is fully functioning, and the Summerdale Park restroom permits have finally been approved and will be functionable in the near future. We thank you for your patience as we brought these facilities to fruition.

Last but certainly not least, I have enjoyed working with the Township Team and working for each of you. Being a public servant in the community which I grew up in was a special experience for me. I appreciated meeting so many community members face to face at our Township Community events, Oktoberfest, and passing out Ice Cream to you at our Movie & Ice Cream event in the Park. As I say farewell, I wish you and your family all the best in the future.

*Yours in service,*  
**Anthony Davide, PWD**

## Grass clippings and lawn waste

### Please do not leave grass clippings on the street

When people mow their lawns and leave the grass clippings on the road, it can make the surface slippery. For motorcyclists, especially in wet conditions, this slippery surface can be risky because it reduces the grip on the road.

As summer projects begin, please remember to keep our roadways clear of any debris or hazards. The Road Department receives several calls throughout the year for stone, mulch, and roll-off dumpsters on the road. This is a safety hazard for the traveling public. Roll-off dumpsters are prohibited on township roadways. They must be placed in the driveway or on the property.



### Grass clippings and leaf litter are stormwater pollutants

Blowing your lawn waste into the street can clog storm drains and cause drainage and flooding issues. Storm drains are not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. There is no treatment to remove the debris from the water before it reaches nearby lakes, streams, and rivers. Why are grass clippings and leaf litter harmful? As this waste breaks down in our local waterways, it adds excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus to the water. This leads to unwanted and



uncontrolled growth of algae and native and non-native aquatic weeds. What is so bad about algae? Algae will naturally occur in lakes and ponds, but excess nutrients can lead to high levels of algae growth. Apart from looking unsightly, excessive algae blooms can block out sunlight and deplete the oxygen level in the water, which can lead to fish kill.

What can you do to protect water quality and keep your yard maintained? Mow your lawn often enough so no more than one-third the length of grass is removed. Taller grass has deeper roots

that prevent soil loss and help the rain soak into the ground. Leave the clippings on the lawn to compost them. Be sure to sweep or blow clippings off paved surfaces and back onto the lawn.

Please remember not to rake leaves, grass clippings or other debris into storm sewers, ditches, or streets, as keeping them clean will help reduce drainage problems. It is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts and catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted. If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.



### PAVING

The 2024 Paving project will be going out for bid soon. We are hoping to do approximately 6 miles of road this year. We thank you for your patience as this project progresses.

### WINTER SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

Despite mild weather, our winter season ended with a total of 11 call outs during the 2023/2024 snow and ice removal season. Our crews worked day and night making our roadways safe for the public. Our 11 trucks used a total of 2049.3 tons of salt throughout the season. At \$67.76 a ton, that total of \$138,860.57. Each of our 11 road maintenance specialists worked a total of 43.5 hours overtime, which came to a total of \$20,466.51.

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## County Auditor to Conduct Reappraisal of All Property

By Alan Harold, Stark County Auditor

Have you tried to buy a home recently? It's not as easy as it once was. Have you tried to sell your home recently? You'd better be ready to move, because the buyers will be lined up at your door!

These supply and demand realities are a key part of the Auditor's work in setting the value of all property in our County. Every six years, with an update at the third year in between, the County Auditor is required by law to reappraise all property in the county, and 2024 is our reappraisal year. The Auditor will consider the sales of all property in the county when setting values, with particular interest in reviewing sales in neighborhood areas. That means that a house in Perry Township isn't compared to a house in Canton City or Lake Township in setting its value.



The Auditor's office considers many factors, including the age of the property, size of the lot, square footage, whether improvements have been made, and if it sold recently. We compare the characteristics of your home with that of similar properties in your area. The Auditor's job is to set a value of your home based on the current market, and to determine what we think your home could reasonably sell for in the open market.

Many people naturally worry about what happens with their property taxes when the value of their home increases. There are triggers in the property tax law that generally keep property taxes from rising at the same rate as the value, though that depends on the types of levies in any particular area. Schools are the largest recipient of property taxes, followed by the Township, then county-wide entities. In Perry Township, about 65% of property taxes are for the schools and 18% for the Township.

In mid-August, you'll be here from the Auditor's office again – this time directly in your mailbox – when we will send a notice of new value. There will be many ways to interact with my office if you have questions about your new value, and to see if there are ways (like the Homestead Exemption) to save you money.

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

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Marsha Georgakopoulos is the owner/operator of "The Road House & Your Pizza Shop" located at 3161 Lincoln Way W, Massillon, Ohio.

She opened the doors to Your Pizza Shop along with Richville Roadhouse in 2018 after hearing from the community and their wish was to have the business back in their neighborhood. At the present time, there are 15 employees who are primarily from the Perry Township area and attend Perry High School.

The employees are dedicated and work hard. They are all proud to serve the Perry community. Being a pizza place, they have been told they have the best wings around!

Marsha loves Perry Township because most customers have become like family and close friends. Marsha would like to welcome everyone reading this article to consider dining at the Richville Roadhouse as well.

They offer Queen of Hearts on Monday at 8:00 p.m., Karaoke on Wednesdays from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There are also pool tournaments on Fridays and Saturdays, which require participants to register for the tournament by 6:30 p.m. Dart leagues are also welcomed.



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Dog License	330-451-7354	Waste Management/Canton	844-492-9417
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