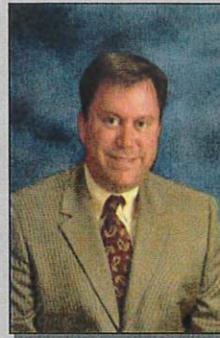


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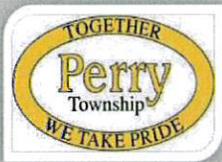
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### Summer 2020

## THE PERRY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CONNECTION

### Swearing in of Trustee ~ Dr. Mike Shreffler

During the April 21, 2020 Trustee meeting, Dr. Mike Shreffler was publicly sworn into office by the Honorable Judge Frank Forchione. Dr. Shreffler has been well known and respected in our Perry Community for several years. Dr. Mike served as a former administrator at Perry Local Schools and has been actively involved in the Perry Community with a variety of levies and community outreach. The Board is pleased to have appointed Dr. Shreffler to serve the unexpired term of Craig Chessler as he was recently elected as Perry Township Fiscal Officer. Dr. Mike looks forward to serving our Perry Township Community. You may reach Dr. Shreffler directly at [Mshreffler@perrytwp.com](mailto:Mshreffler@perrytwp.com) Please see enclosed a Special Message to the Perry Community from Trustee~ Dr. Mike to our Community Members.



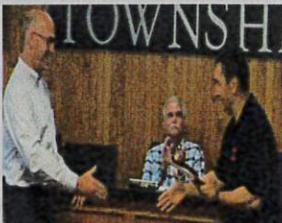
### Saying Goodbye & Happy Retirement to Fiscal Officer, Joe Schlegel and Assistant Fiscal Officer Karen Moser

During the April 7<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting, the Board presented Fiscal Officer Joe Schlegel with a recognition plaque for serving as Perry Township Fiscal Officer for 27 years. Joe expressed his gratitude to the Board, and stated it was his honor to serve the public and employees of Perry Township. Assistant Fiscal Officer Karen Moser was also recognized with a plaque presentation for 24 years of service. Together, Joe and Karen served our township well. We wish them both a happy, healthy retirement!



### Welcoming Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler and Assistant Fiscal Officer Cindy Seybold

During the April 7<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting, Trustee Craig Chessler was recognized for his 30+ years of service as our Township Trustee. Immediately following recognition, Mr. Chessler was sworn in as the newly elected Fiscal Officer. Assistant Fiscal Officer, Cindy Seybold was hired in January to begin preparations in her new role. Cindy is delightful and joins us with 34 years of government experience, previously serving at the Stark County Probate Court. We welcome Craig and Cindy as they move our township forward with the collaboration of fiscal programs and



procedures. You may contact Craig and Cindy directly at [Cchessler@perrytwp.com](mailto:Cchessler@perrytwp.com) or [Cseybold@perrytwp.com](mailto:Cseybold@perrytwp.com)



## *A Special Message to our Community Members*

*From Trustee~ Dr. Mike Shreffler*

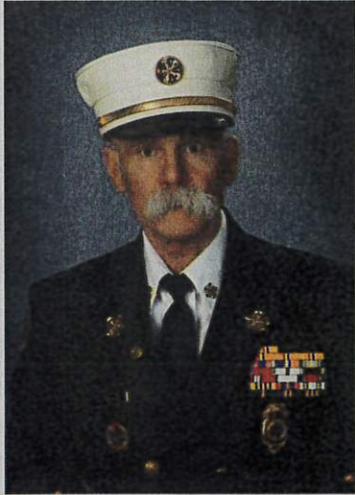
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Hello Everyone, I am humbled and honored to be appointed to serve as your Perry Township Trustee. I have lived in Perry Township for most of my life. My father was also born and raised in the township and his parents and grandparents had a strong presence here as well. Perry is a wonderful and unique place to live, work and play. We have so much to offer to our residents, our businesses and our visitors. I know first-hand as a former administrator for Perry Local Schools that our education is among the best in Ohio.

I have a strong background in education and community involvement that I believe will be an asset to our township. I received my Bachelor's degree in English from The Ohio State University and my MA in English from the University of Akron. For a short time, I moved to South Florida where I taught at a high school for a couple of years and then became the principal of a very diverse middle school. In 2002, I was elated when Perry offered me a position as Assistant High School Principal. I also served the district as Director of Curriculum and Instruction. For the past 11 years, I served as Superintendent of schools, briefly at Southeast Local in Wayne County and most recently at Northwest Local in Canal Fulton. I realized I wanted to dedicate more time to my community and for the past school year, I have been consulting for several area school districts.

I have also been involved in Perry Township and Stark County. I have worked on numerous levies and improvement projects. I am a graduate of Leadership Stark County and have served as chair of education day and on the education day committee for many years. I also have participated in many local state and national leadership trainings. Additionally, in 2010, I helped co-found Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO), a non-profit that focuses on making music, arts and culture accessible to all, with a focus on programming for underserved, disadvantaged and rural populations. Most importantly, I believe very strongly that proactive leadership is a vital part of a community's growth. As a servant leader, I am very excited to step into this role as Township Trustee to help and lead in any way I can. I extend congratulations to Craig Chessler who leaves the position to become the township fiscal officer. Craig served in this position for 30 years so I have big shoes to fill. Craig, Doug Haines and Ralph DeChiara established a strong board of trustees. The township has a wealth of knowledge in established and experienced Police, Fire, Road and Zoning heads and a veteran and active township administrator. We have a strong group of dedicated men and women who work for the township on a full or part time basis. Additionally, the backbone of Perry Township is all our tremendous residents who proudly call it home.

Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time to talk about ways that we can grow and strive here in Perry Township. Feel free to approach me in the community and introduce yourself and share thoughts. Our township, state and world have some strong challenges in the days ahead. I have no doubt that we will work together to continue to be one of the best communities to call home.



## Fire Chief- Mark Martin

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330-833-3865

### Thank you for Supporting Fire Levy Issue #10

Thank you, Perry Township residents for passing Issue #10 – Perry Township Fire Department renewal levy. Passage of the renewal levy allows the Fire Department to continue to provide around-the-clock service and protection to the Township. Your support of the Fire Department is greatly appreciated. Please visit [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com) and take advantage of the fire department free smoke detector and reflective address sign program. Again, Thank You for your support!

### Perry Township Fire Department

#### Importance of an Address Markers & Smoke Detectors

Having an identifiable and easy to read address marker is critical for Public Safety Forces to respond to your emergency. There are numerous factors that hamper our ability to locate your structure; nighttime, fog, snow, address numbers painted on street curbs and non-reflective addresses mounted on house are just a few examples that make finding your structure difficult.



Perry Township Fire Department is offering **FREE** reflective address markers and smoke detectors to all Perry Township residents. The reflective address markers are constructed using the latest reflective technology available. Requests for reflective address markers and smoke detectors can be made by going to the Perry Township website at [Perrytwp.com](http://Perrytwp.com), click on “Departments”, click on “Fire Department.” On the Fire Department page under “Safety Resources” click on “Request Reflective Address Sign and Smoke Detectors.

**SMOKE ALARMS – A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH** As firefighters we have taken an oath to protect the citizens of Perry Township from fire. The most efficient and effective way is to make sure that working smoke alarms protect every household.

Perry Township firefighters have been instructed when in a house for any type of run and time and circumstances are appropriate, to offer smoke alarms and installation to any resident. As firefighters we see or read about fire deaths every day that could have been prevented by a working smoke alarm. We always wonder why so many people ignore something so important.

The Perry Township Fire Department will install smoke alarms in your residence at **NO COST** to you. To have smoke alarms installed in your residence, you only need to meet one (1) of the following conditions:

- Your residence currently has no working smoke alarms
- The smoke alarms in your residence are older than 8 years
- You do not have smoke alarms on every floor
- You do not have smoke alarms in every bedroom
- **Smoke alarms must be in place and working to save lives.**





## Police Chief ~Michael Pomesky

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330-478-5121

### Department Updates

Perry Township Police would like to thank you for your continued support of the officers and department. We are always exploring new ways to better serve our community. If there is ever a time that we can help, please don't hesitate to call us at 330-478-5121 or visit us at [www.perrypolice.com](http://www.perrypolice.com).

### Department Updates

Over the last year we have focused on updating many aspects of the police department to deliver better services for our community.

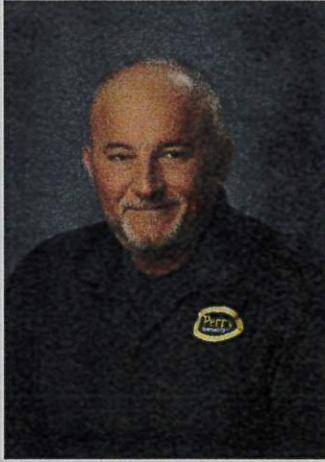
Just a quick reminder, you are able to submit online extra patrol requests, vacation check requests, update your business contact information, special needs registration, bicycle registration, and request police records online from the police department. You can find us on Facebook at Perry Township Police Department, Stark County, Ohio



Perry Township Police Department strives to provide professional service to the community. I would like to remind residents of our commitment to promote firearms safety. Project Child-Safe is a nationwide program whose purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education messages and **free gun locking devices**. The program is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association of the firearms industry.

Firearms accidents in the home can result from someone, often a child, finding a loaded and unsecured firearm. The risk of firearms-related unintentional injuries or deaths can be reduced when firearms owners are aware of and fully understand their responsibility to handle firearms safely and store them in a secure manner. In addition to preventing accidental shootings, gun locks can prevent firearms from being used in an intentional manner by children. The goal of Project Child-Safe is to inform and educate all firearms owners on key safety issues, and to provide free firearm safety kits that include gun locking devices. Perry Township Police Department's goal is to prevent tragedies from occurring in our community.

Residents are able to stop at the station or contact an on-duty officer at anytime to obtain a free gun lock/locks. In closing, if at anytime you have any comments or concerns please feel free to email me at [mpomesky@perrypolice.com](mailto:mpomesky@perrypolice.com) or contact me at (330)478-5121.



Road Superintendent - John Masalko  
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**Perry Township Road Department Updates**  
**1500 Jackson Ave. SW Massillon, Ohio 44646**

The Perry Township Road Department consists of 10 employees, the Road Superintendent, Assistant Road Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, two Road Mechanics, and five Road Maintenance Specialists, covering 150 miles of road in the Township. There are also four Park Employees, maintaining the 9 Parks within the Township. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Road Department at 330-832-7750- Monday through Friday, from 7:00am to 3:00pm.



**New Streetsweeper Purchased**

In most townships and cities in the United States, street cleaning is now a requirement. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System is how the EPA regulates storm water pollution from a variety of sources. The owners of storm water systems, like a township, need to obtain a permit to discharge their storm water. Street sweeping also keeps our streets clean and safe for pedestrians and bicyclers.



**Yard Waste & Recycling Program**

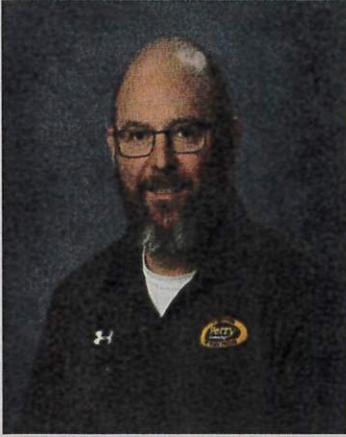
In conjunction with our partners at Stark Tusc. Wayne Solid Waste Management District, Perry Township is able to offer Stark County residents a yard waste site. We also host a 24/7 recycling program.

- Yard Waste is located at 1500 Jackson Ave. S.W. Massillon 44646  
Yard Waste hours of operation Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Perry Township and STWSM provides three 24/7 self service locations.
- 5075 Southway SW, Canton 44706 (enter off Perry Dr. SW, exit onto Southway SW)
- In the parking lot east of the Township Administration office
- Perry Road Department - 1500 Jackson Ave. SW Massillon 44646

Acceptable items: Soda bottles, beer bottles, juice containers, ketchup bottles, wine and liquor bottles, food containers, newspapers, magazines, chipboard, cardboard, tin cans plastic and glass.

Not acceptable: Mirrors, auto windshields, light bulbs, clay flower pots, laboratory glass crystals, ceramic cups, plates, ceramic bottle tops window glass, heat resistant ovenware, opaque/milk glass, drinking glasses, no dirt or rocks.

Visit [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com) for a list of the 2020 Paving Program



Zoning Inspector - Tim Cugini  
[Tcugini@perrytwp.com](mailto:Tcugini@perrytwp.com)  
330-833-2141

## Perry Township Zoning

It is my pleasure to serve the residents of Perry Township. Please contact me anytime at [tugini@perrytwp.com](mailto:tugini@perrytwp.com) or call me at 330-833-2141 between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns which are of importance to you.

The Perry Township Zoning Resolution was adopted and voted on by residents on November 4, 1958. Perry Township has many zoning districts; they range from Residential to Industrial. It is a good idea to know what zoning district you live in and what zoning district or districts surround your home. All it takes is a call to the Zoning Department with your address.

- Permit Applications are available online through the Perry Township website.
- The Perry Township Zoning Resolution and Zoning map are available online through the Perry Township website.
- All are available at the Perry Township Administration Office or by request by emailing the Zoning Inspector.

The Perry Township website has a new feature: You can now report high grass properties online at [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com). Just fill out the high grass complaint form and the property will be assessed.

## What if my neighbor's grass is over 8" high?

You may visit [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com) and select the contact tab. On the left of the screen select Zoning Comment Form. Please include the exact address and describe the nuisance violation of concern in detail. Perry Township Property Maintenance Code Section 500.1 (C) (4), Grasses and Weeds, All premises shall be maintained free from grasses and weeds in excess of 8".

## Does a Swimming Pool Require a Permit?

We wish you a fun and enjoyable summer with family and friends! However, as always, safety first! Section 603.5, Perry Township Zoning Resolution, Swimming Pools, public or private in-ground or above ground, wading or other pools containing over one and one half feet (1 - 1/2') of water depth shall be considered a structure for the purpose of permits and shall conform to all required set back lines. The construction, plumbing, and electrical requirements, inspection, other safety facilities shall be regulated by the county and state codes.

The swimming pool, or the entire property on which the pool is located, shall be walled or fenced to prevent uncontrolled access by children from the street or from adjacent properties. Said fence or wall shall not be less than four (4) feet in height and maintained in good condition with a gate and lock. (amended 10/12/88)





## Township Administrator- Joyce Fetzer

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330-833-2141

Greetings to you and yours! Per Governor DeWine's recommendations our office was closed to the public for 5 weeks. However, our office team followed all of the safety protocols, and opted to continue working on-site daily to answer the needs of our community members as they called into the office and e-mailed their inquiries. We are currently welcoming up to 4 visitors in our office at a time during regular business hours from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Please follow the safety protocols and directional signs when visiting the Township Administration office. It's our pleasure to serve you in a safe and productive manner.

For your convenience, we have been Live Streaming our Board of Trustees meeting from the Perry Township Police Department facebook site on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS DURING BOARD MEETINGS:** Beginning Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup> community members may call in the Township Administration office from 9:00am to 3:00pm and register to attend the Board of Trustees meeting in person to discuss township business with the Board. You may also e-mail questions, comments or inquiries in advance of a meeting to: [office@perrytwp.com](mailto:office@perrytwp.com) or call 330-833-2141. If e-mailing inquiries please use Public Speaks in the subject line.

**Nixle Systems Alert Program-** The Perry Township Board of Trustees have purchased the NIXLE Alert System which is FREE to all Perry Township residents. By registering for the system, you will receive automatic notifications of: Severe Weather, Missing Person, Active Shooter, Hazmat, Traffic Accidents, Road Closings and Community Events. Registering for Nixle is simple. Text 888777 and enter perrytwpoh or visit [perrytwp.com](http://perrytwp.com) for program details.

### Fall Community Events:

Moving forward, we will continue to follow the recommendations of Governor DeWine as things progressively get back to the new normal. We are cautiously planning for fall community events in a responsible and safe manner. We will keep such information updated on the township website.

Tentative events planned are:

- Christmas in October ~ In partnership with Stark County Veterans Association we will collect Christmas gifts at the Township Administration office in advance for our veterans in need.
- Sat. September 12<sup>th</sup>~ The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Perry Rotary Community Parade
- Sat. September 12<sup>th</sup>~ The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Perry Township OKTOBERFEST Sponsored by Aqua
- November ~ register for "Light Up Perry" Christmas Decorating Contest Sponsored by Aqua

Please continue monitoring the Perry Township website at [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com) for recent updates on township services and community events. Thank you for your time!

**TWO FAMILY FUN EVENTS  
ON THE SAME DAY!**

**SAT. SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup> 10AM TO 2PM**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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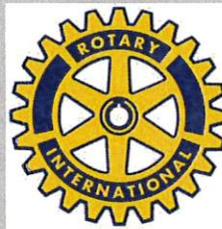
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**Join us for Oktoberfest immediately**



**following the  
parade 11am to  
2pm at  
Hartwick Park**



PARADE STEPS OFF  
AT 10AM  
IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING PARADE  
ENJOY THE  
OKTOBERFEST  
11AM TO 2PM AT  
HARTWICK PARK

Register for parade  
on line at  
[www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com)

**Community  
Pride &  
Free Family Fun!**

Enjoy Complimentary  
Community Concert

**LIVE- Funkology Band  
11am to 2pm**

- Rotary of Perry Twp. Sponsoring Pumpkin Decorating
- Enjoy a Variety of Food & Merchant Vendors
- Free Inflatables, Arts, Crafts, Face Painting and More! **AQUA**