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FREE Movie & Ice Cream Event!

Family Fun!



Harwick Park • Saturday, June 8th from 5-8pm
FREE showing of Bee Movie at 6pm plus ice cream!

Sponsored by Aqua Ohio, it's everything bees! Mr. Keith Nutter, a local beekeeper, will be speaking at 5pm and entertaining our community with fun facts about bees. Our kids' tent will offer bee crafts, face painting, and a balloon sculptor.

Bring your family and friends as well as blankets or chairs and enjoy our feature presentation of Bee Movie (begins at 6:00 pm.) on a huge screen to be visible in daylight. Pack a picnic dinner or purchase food from a variety of vendors, among them, Sweet T's Cafe and Confections will be in attendance with their delicious menu selection.



Rated PG, run time 82 mins



Our Perry Township Police, Fire, Road and Administration Team will be in attendance serving free ice cream and hosting booths to meet, greet, and visit with our community. Stop by and let us get to know one another!



Questions?

Please email office@perrytwp.com or call Christina at 330.833.2141

Community Spotlight: Easter Bunny Visits Police Department and conducts Senior Checks

The Easter Bunny recently made a special visit to our local police department, spreading joy and cheer to officers and residents alike. Decked out in his signature attire, the Easter Bunny delighted children like former Chief for a Day Mikey "Batman" Tonsky with photo opportunities, sweet treats, and waives to passersby.

But the visit wasn't just about delivering Easter treats; it also highlighted the importance of community engagement and building positive relationships between law enforcement and residents. The Easter Bunny accompanied officers to conduct the weekly Senior Citizen Checks, ensuring the well-being of our

elderly residents during the holiday season. Officers visit seniors in the Senior Staying Connected Program to offer companionship, assistance, and resources to those who may be in need. These efforts exemplify the dedication of our officers to serve and protect not only through enforcement but also through compassion and outreach. As we reflect on this special visit from the Easter Bunny, let us continue to support and appreciate the efforts of our township in building a stronger, more connected community. Let's cherish these moments of unity and look forward to more opportunities to come together in the spirit of kindness and compassion.





An Update from Board Trustee, Lisa Nelligan

"Hey Lisa, what's happening in the township?" I get this question asked frequently and I always respond, "There is a lot going on" followed by "but not quick enough for me". I then ask, "what do you see going on in our township?". Why do I ask, because it is important to the leaders of the township to know what residents and businesses are concerned and excited about. Trust me, you must be ready for the answer once you have asked the question. Guess what-we are ready! We may not always have the answers (we investigate and respond), residents and businesses may not like the answer but if communication is flowing, we are working towards a better Perry Township.

My fellow trustees and our department heads want to answer your questions and concerns. We continue to work on transparency in our messaging and conversations. We continue to host events for our community to come and find out more about what is going on with specific departments and our township in general.

Patience is something you need when you step into public office. I continue to work on this attribute as things just don't move fast enough. Examples of my journey on finding patience:

- Purchasing a new fire truck that is going to take 5 years to be delivered.
- Two bathroom installations that have been delayed due to weather and building permits.

- Parks that need attention in which we apply for grants (need to get quotes), develop the grant application, submit the application, wait for approval process, if awarded, hire contractors, vendors, etc. for the work.

These are just a few of topics that come to mind as I write this article. My lack of patience is because I want so much for our community, and it just doesn't happen fast enough. I respect the process but hate the timelines.

I want to invite you to come visit us on a Tuesday night to see your township in action (1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6pm at Township Hall) and if you have questions or comments, sign up for Public Speaks at the end of our meeting. We are also looking at options for the streaming or recording of our meetings-for some reason we still are facing technical issues-please have patience with us as we know this is frustrating to our community.

I truly believe if we all continue to have open and honest communication, Perry Township will continue to move forward. It takes all of us understanding "What's happening in our township" and how do we all work together to achieve our goals and desires for Perry Township.

Happy Spring!

Lisa Nelligan

TOWNSHIP NEWS



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It's Spring Time in Perry Township

Spring is in the air and our community members are ready to schedule gatherings at our

Perry Park locations. There are 2 pavilions at Regis Perry Memorial Park, one pavilion at Meredith Park, and one pavilion at Summerdale Park. Spring and summer are primary seasons for scheduling reservations of township pavilions. Many community members celebrate graduations, birthday parties, family reunions, showers, scout meetings, and organized youth sports team gatherings in our Perry Park System.

The Perry Township Board of Trustees have contracted for the second consecutive year with Days Lawn Care for the professional upkeep of our park lands. A new restroom facility has been implemented at Regis Perry Memorial Park. We are in the process of having the utilities connected at this site. A second and identical restroom is on order for Summerdale Park. We are working collaboratively with the Stark County Building department to obtain the required permits for the restroom facility at Summerdale Park. Both restrooms were purchased with ARPA ~ American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Perry Parks do not operate under a parks levy. Our park system is funded through the general fund. Our park pavilions are reserved free of charge. If you are interested in reserving a pavilion, you may do so 24/7 by visiting perrytwp.com, click on the Departments tab, click the Parks Department. On this page you may reserve a pavilion. The page will advance and at the top right corner, you may reserve a park pavilion. Or you are always welcome to call our office at 330-833-2141 and we will assist you with reserving a pavilion.

If you would like to memorialize a loved one by planting a tree or sponsoring a park bench in our park system, we would be happy to assist you with making those

arrangements. Please contact me at office@perrytwp.com or 330-833-2141 to discuss sponsorship details.

FASNACHT FARM PARK UPDATES

Your Perry Township Board of Trustees have applied for two grant opportunities at Fasnacht Farm Park. Please note these grant funds cannot be used for any other department functions such as paving roads, equipment purchasing, buildings, operating expenses, local infrastructure projects.

1. Capital Budget Grant opportunity through ODNR: Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Phase I in the amount of \$539,969. Which primarily consists of an ingress and egress, ample parking, a 6,200 ft. natural walking path, shoring of the large barn, esthetics improvements of large farm house.

2. Capital Budget Grant: One Time Only opportunity – Phase II in the amount of \$4,533,300. Which primarily consists of complete Barn Renovations, Architectural Engineering and site work. The purpose of the renovated barn would serve as a gathering place for our community members to enjoy entertainment, concerts, family gatherings, celebrations, and a focal point on the farm depicting the long-standing history of Fasnacht Farm.

We want to hear from you. Please complete a comment form on-line at perrytwp.com, select the Contact Us tab, Friends of Perry Parks comment form, and share with us what you enjoy most about our Perry Park system, and what would you like to see improved upon. Your opinion matters.

Thank you for your time.

Joyce Martin
Township Administrator



Stay Connected!

In addition to our Seasonal Community Magazine, we want to stay connected with you via NIXLE. This service is free to our community members, and allows government agencies, and safety forces to communicate with the public about road closings, severe weather alerts, police, fire and road emergencies, hazmat, community events and so much more.

How do I sign up for the Perry Township NIXLE Alert System?

- ▶ Via cell phone by texting Perrytwpoh to 888777
- ▶ Users also have the option to access www.nixle.com to create a personal profile specific to the types of messages you want to receive.
- ▶ If you require further assistance with registering for NIXLE, please call our Administration office at 330-833-2141.

Antonio's Italian Bakery & Sandwich Shop

LOCAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE

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Mr. Antonio Amendola is the owner of Antonio's Italian Bakery & Sandwich Shop. His passion for food came from his upbringing where food was life's pleasure, not just eaten for substance. At the age of 16, he started work in a pizza shop that opened in 1949 in New York. He also worked in New Jersey for a time. He opened his first shop in 1971. Mr. Amendola and a family member opened Napoli Pizza shops in Stark County and one in Akron. He opened Antonio's to Go in 2008 at the corner of Perry and Southway, then on 19th and Woodlawn in 2011. He sold his business to retire, but decided he was bored and missed his passion of creating delicious food for others. He then opened Antonio's Italian Bakery & Sandwich Shop.

Antonio has four team members plus himself. Everything is handmade in-house. Pizzas are baked in a stone oven along with bread and pastas. Salads are made fresh. Pizza is his specialty but everything is made with the same passion every day.

He stated that his shop is one of the last of this kind of operation where everything is hands on. Antonio would love to find a young person whom has the passion to eventually continue this way of cooking and continuing his legacy.

Mr. Amendola has lived in Perry Township for over 20 years. He has stayed because it is an ideal place to live with the reasonable cost of living, community supporting the local businesses and the schools are fantastic. He says he feels safe and the area has the best of everything!

He would like to remind the community to support local shops and businesses however they can as there are not many small businesses around.



Lincoln Way/Tuscarawas/SR 172 Survey



Two surveys are available for your input on the Lincoln Way/Tuscarawas/SR 172 Corridor. Results for the survey will be incorporated into the Perry Township Comprehensive Plan. Use the QR codes or links below to access the surveys.

Interactive Map Survey:

<https://scrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=09deb6b8471f46039f652e8551ce064e>

General Information Survey:

<https://arcg.is/1iKKXa>

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Police Chief Bryan Taylor

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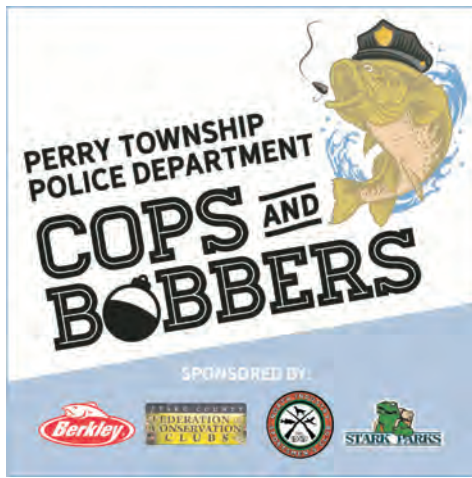
Welcoming Officer Sarah Carver

We are thrilled to introduce and warmly welcome our newest addition to the ranks of the Perry Township Police Department: Officer Sarah Carver. As we embark on this journey together, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for success in the future. Together, let us continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence and make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. Welcome aboard, Officer Carver! We

look forward to working alongside you and witnessing the invaluable contributions you will undoubtedly make to our department and community.

Upcoming Event: Join us for Cops & Bobbers: A Family-Friendly Fishing Event!

Get ready to cast your lines and reel in some fun at our upcoming Cops and Bobbers event on May 13, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Petros Park! Poles and bait will be provided! Spread the word, grab your fishing gear, and join us for a reel-y good time! Be on the look out for registration information on our Facebook page.



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to each and every member of our community for your unwavering support. I encourage each of you to stay informed, engaged, and actively involved in shaping the future of our community. Whether it's through attending neighborhood meetings, participating in community events, or simply looking out for one another. As we move forward, let us continue to work hand in hand fostering positive relationships and building a brighter future for generations to come. Your dedication and support are invaluable, and I am honored to serve alongside you. Stay safe, stay vigilant, and let's continue to stand together as community.

Chief Bryan Taylor



Dept. Honors

In February, Officer Koncz received the prestigious 2023 Officer of the Year award and Sergeant Barker and Officer Lohr were honored with Life-Saving Recognitions at the annual Stark County Law Enforcement Dinner & Awards Banquet Hosted by the Canton Police Patrolman's Association. Congratulations on these well-deserved recognitions!

Empowering Awareness

Educating the Ladies of the Christian Community Volunteer Group on Fraud Prevention. Want to safeguard yourself? Invite one of our officers to speak on fraud prevention to your group! Learn practical tips to protect yourself and your community! Contact the Perry Township Police Department and book now!



POLICE DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Officer Joseph Letta

In the heart of every thriving community lies a dedicated force committed to safeguarding its residents and fostering a sense of security. We turn our spotlight to School Resource Officer, Officer Letta, a man whose commitment to service and excellence has made a profound impact on our community. A proud graduate of Tallmadge High School, Officer Letta's law enforcement career was sparked by a deep-rooted desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. This drive led him to pursue and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with Minors in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security from the University of Akron.



Upon completing his academic pursuits, Officer Letta attended Kent State University where he obtained his Ohio Police Officer Certification. He was hired by Canal Fulton Police Department in 2014 where he served their community for just under a year. Officer Letta came to the Perry Township Police Department in 2015 and has served our community and the Perry Local School District ever since.

Throughout his career, Officer Letta has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and continuous growth. His dedication to professional development led him to become a certified ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) instructor, giving him the ability to educate others on critical response strategies in the event of an active shooter situation. Officer Letta's dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of students has earned him recognition as a National and State Accredited Advanced Master School Resource Officer. In this role he has served as a trusted mentor, resource, and advocate for students and promoting a safe learning environment. Officer Letta will continue to remain a positive role model and uphold relationships with our community.



"Chief for a Day" Emmitt Ray

'CHIEF FOR A DAY' PROGRAM

WHAT: Chief for a day will consist of lunch, touring the department, meeting department personnel, and sending shift Officers off to their duties from roll call.

WHO: This program is designed for school-aged children who are nominated by family, teachers, or friends in the community.

*** If you would like to nominate someone, please submit a name, phone number of parent or guardian, and why you believe they should be chosen.

Please submit this information to Detective Paciorek at dpaciorek@perrypolice.com

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FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Fire Chief Larry Sedlock
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Hello Everyone,

Well, we didn't have much of a winter. Personally, I miss it. The winters of old bring back fond memories as a kid. Although I don't miss helping Dad shovel heavy wet snow from our driveway, I do miss the winter wonderland of the first pristine snowfall that blanketed our yard, the snow-covered trees, building snowmen, and let's not forget the snow forts! Even though we can't turn back time, we still have the memories.

In any case, Spring is now upon us. With Spring comes the fresh smells that we enjoy. To me, the fragrances of the blooming flowers and the springtime showers never get old. Let's not forget the scent of the first grass cutting and the sounds 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 especially with the rapidly increasing costs. In addition to equipment, our department is moving forward by adding 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 springtime that is upon us.

Sincerely, Fire Chief Larry Sedlock

FIRE DEPT. SPOTLIGHT

Ian Zimmermann - Firefighter/EMT

Ian has been an outstanding addition to our team and has been serving the residents of Perry Township since 2022. He is a graduate of Jackson High School and is currently enrolled in the paramedic program at Stark State College which he will graduate in December 2024. He is a Level II Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and American Heart Basic Life Support certified.



His knowledge, skills, caring personality, and demeanor fit right in with our department's commitment to providing excellent customer service to all those who call us in their time of need.

When Ian isn't serving our residents, whether at home or vacationing, he appreciates spending time with his family. Additionally, he has several hobbies that he enjoys that keep him plenty busy. He enjoys the outdoors by hiking and motorcycling, and then, when the weather turns unfavorable you can find Ian playing his guitar as he is an accomplished guitarist. Furthermore, Ian stays fit by practicing karate, and due to his dedication to the sport he has earned his black belt.

We are honored to have Ian as part of our Perry Township Fire Department family and look forward to him being part of our department for many years to come.



Chief Sedlock recognized Matt Gatchell for the variety of ways he has served our township and fire department for over two decades. In addition to being a firefighter/medic over the years Matt also served as the in-house electronics coordinator, assisted with employee on-boarding, and was a mentor and friend to all. Thank you for your service, Matt. You will be missed by many. Matt's family, his wife, father and uncle (pictured) were beaming with pride during the ceremony.



Trustee Miller conducted the Oath of Office for Fire-medic Zachary Hutson. Zachary's wife had the pleasure of pinning his badge as their children observed from the front row. There was a full house of fire medics on hand to welcome Zachary aboard!

Burning in Ohio

It's that time of year when we can't wait to get outside and clean up our yards so we can get ready for our first grass cutting and preparing our flower beds to add color to our yards with beautiful flowers all to make our yards pristine.

However, Ohio has burning and burn ban rules that, as residents, we must follow. These rules are in place for everyone's safety. The graphic below is from the State of Ohio and provides information to keep you safe.

What You Can Burn in the Neighborhood

Is there less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and the nearest inhabitable structure?

If you live in a restricted area, generally within or just outside a municipal boundary, you must provide written notification to the Ohio EPA district office or local air pollution control agency 10 days prior to the fire.

Fires for recognized horticultural and wildlife control practices are allowed with written permission from Ohio EPA.

- The application for open burning must be submitted in writing at least 10 working days before the fire is to be set.
- Forms and more information are located at: epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning
- Please call your local Ohio EPA district, local air pollution control agency and/or local fire department for more information.

Local areas may have more restrictive open burning requirements and local ordinances.

If there is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighboring inhabitable structure and your fire location, different regulations may apply.

For more information about Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) open burning regulations please contact your Ohio EPA district and/or local air agency.

Ohio law limits what and where you can open burn. The following fires are allowed if there is less than 1,000 feet from where you want to burn and a neighboring inhabitable structure.

You may have a fire for cooking, warmth, pleasure, ceremonial or similar purposes without notification and/or permission from the Ohio EPA as long as:

- burn only clean, dry, seasoned firewood;
- the fire is no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high; and
- fire is not used for waste disposal.

Larger ceremonial fires are allowed with these guidelines:

- use only clean, dry, seasoned firewood;
- the fire is no larger than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet high;
- the fire burns no longer than 3 hours; and
- fire is not used for waste disposal.

Additionally, to assist you with the disposal of your yard waste, our Township has a yard waste collection site. The site is located at 1500 Jackson Ave SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. The site is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Life-Saving Equipment

Our department is a busy one responding to more than 3,700 calls yearly with the majority of them being EMS-related.

Because of your support, our highly trained Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians operate out of state-of-the-art ambulances. Due to the extremely specialized equipment and medications that we utilize, we are considered an extension of the Emergency Room.

One such piece of equipment is our Zoll X-Series biphasic heart monitor (pictured). They are capable of analyzing your heart by performing a 12-lead electrocardiogram that measures the heart's electrical activity to help us determine if our patient is having a heart attack and, if necessary, defibrillate the heart during cardiac arrest in an attempt to return it to a normal rhythm. They can also take your blood pressure, measure the oxygen level in your blood (SPO2), as well as perform capnography which is a non-invasive measurement of carbon dioxide (CO2) in a patient's exhaled breath among other life-saving things.



This highly sophisticated life-saving piece of equipment comes with an average price tag of \$50,000 and we have 5 of them, one on each one of our ambulances, so we can better treat you should the need arise.

SPRINGTIME SAFETY TIPS

CLEAN YOUR GRILL

Grilling season is upon us, before you fire up the grill to enjoy your favorite recipes, clean it. While your grill sits over winter, grease, and build-up can harden and make it easy work for fire to catch. Before firing it up this spring, inspect it for damage and remove any trapped grease or debris that may have lingered there. A thorough cleaning will help avoid preventable grill fires in the future.

YARD MAINTENANCE

Dried leaves can be especially flammable and need to be removed from any areas near your household structures, garages, and sheds. Debris is one of the top fire-causing factors in home fires, but your risk can be reduced with simple yard maintenance. Pay special attention to twigs and branches, and dead plant life that could catch fire easily when dried.

SMOKE ALARMS

Be sure to test and, if applicable, replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN

An escape plan for your home is a great thing to revisit during spring, and at least twice per year. Your plan should have two ways out of each room and a designated safe meeting spot outside of the home where everyone in the household knows to go in the event of a fire.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD CLEANING

Most of us live with dangerous poisons lurking in kitchen cabinets, bathrooms, basements, or garages. When warning labels are ignored or chemicals fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur. Keep the National Poison Control Center number, (800) 222-1222, in your cell phone contacts. The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Keep chemicals in the containers they came in.
- Store chemicals away from food.
- Follow the product directions carefully.
- Never mix chemicals.
- Discard old or outdated products.

As you can see from the graph, your Fire Dept. is a busy one. The graph shows our call volume by month for a 12-month period, representing our total number of calls, which includes both EMS as well as all others.

Total Calls by Month for a 12-month period (2023-2024)



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ZONING DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell
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Signs, signs, everywhere a sign

Signs grab your attention, call for action and inform. But too many of them, set in locations that obstruct or cause distraction, can be a safety problem for a community and counteract beautification efforts.

Temporary signs cannot be placed on public property or in public rights-of-way, attached to utility poles, or located in places where placing a sign creates a safety hazard. Commercial business signs also require proper permitting with associated fees, and are limited to specific zoned districts.

Let's do our part this spring and summer to keep our public roadways safe from visual impairment and unnecessary and unlawful clutter of signage. If you have a sign and are uncertain if you are permitted to place it in a specific location please contact the zoning department for more information.



Spring time is clean-up time

Warm weather and sunny skies have once again returned to Stark County. We spend more time outdoors soaking up the sun, taking care of our property, and tackling projects which were put on hold during the cold winter months.

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 in the back yard 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 old radios, broken calculators, and a forgotten dinosaur of a computer. 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, other 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 or call 330-874-2258 and press extension 1 for more information.

The township also has large recycle bins located at the 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!

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Ditch Enclosure and Piping Policy

The Road Department would like to inform the residents that piping and enclosing ditches within the Township could become an issue with the water flow becoming obstructed. We agree with the EPA, that open ditches are the best and most natural way of water flow. But if you feel the need to install a yard pipe in your road side ditch, you must first apply for a Road Opening Permit. You can obtain this permit at the Road Department, 1500 Jackson Ave. SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. You may contact a contractor of your choice for the installation. In addition, before backfilling over the pipe it must be inspected by a certified Road Employee.

- Open channels (roadside ditch, or swales) generally provide for the most efficient means to capture and have the greatest capacity to hold surface storm water.
- Open channels provide subsurface drainage of the adjacent grounds, whereas piping impedes subsurface drainage.
- Open channels allow for infiltration of water back into the ground, reducing potential for downstream flooding.
- Open channels filter pollutants, impurities and illicit discharge from surface storm water.
- Open channels make easier the identification and remediation of illicit discharges.
- To prevent flooding please keep ditches free of leaves and debris.



A Message from Glen Reichenbach, Perry Road Levy Chairperson



Hello Perry Township! We respectfully accept the voters' response to decline our comprehensive plan to pave 100 miles of road in 5 years or less. We recognize it was a large ask, with immediate results.

Our levy committee will reconvene to evaluate our options. In the meantime, we invite you to e-mail us at Perryroadsfeedback@gmail.com by June 1st with your input as to what may be an acceptable Road Levy millage and strategy. We appreciate your input.

Yours in service, Glen

Paid for by Citizens for Safer and Better, Perry Roads Committee.



Downspout Maintenance

The saying April showers bring May flowers is true. It also brings drainage concerns. Spring is also a great time to discuss downspout maintenance. Heavy rains during the spring are challenging for many homeowners when it comes to downspouts. Also, the freezing and thawing which takes place can cause the ground to shift and debris will often clog and effect downspouts. Here are some helpful tips.

- Run water through your downspout to be sure it is not clogged.
- You can also use a plumber's snake to determine if your downspouts are clogged.
- You may try using a Do It Yourself remedy, and call upon a professional as needed.
- You can also inspect your downspouts while it's raining to be certain water is flowing smoothly.
- Direct your downspouts away from your home as to avoid flooding your home.

FISCAL OFFICER UPDATE

On April 2, 2024, Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler had the privilege of presenting the Oath of Office to Teriese Brown, Assistant Fiscal Officer. A warm welcome to Teriese as she begins her journey with the Perry Township Fiscal Team.



Teriese will carry on the duties of Lisa Bray who is resigning from her Assistant Fiscal Officer position on May 2, 2024. Lisa has plans to enjoy quality time with her husband Bill, adult children and her three beautiful grand-children, who are beyond excited to spend more time with their Mi-Mi. A fond farewell to Lisa Bray. The sunshine you would bring to our office every day will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best!



Lisa Bray

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Spring Showers Bring... Flooding and Seasonal Wetlands

The last decade has been Ohio's wettest on record, and our springs continue to be warmer and wetter than average. Excessive rain and winter snowmelt cause the ground to become too saturated and it cannot drain water fast enough to keep up. Impermeable surfaces such as roads, roofs, and parking lots impede the precipitation from soaking into the ground causing flooding and wet spots in low lying areas of the Township.

Landscaping modifications, lots with poor topsoil and hard subsoil, and tree and plant removal change drainage patterns and intensify runoff into our stormwater systems. Excess stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as lawn fertilizer and pesticides to storm drains, which flow directly to our watersheds. This adversely affects the local water quality and wildlife, deteriorates vegetation, and causes storm sewer backup.

The good news is that there are many ways in which Perry Township residents can help reduce wet spots and stormwater runoff...

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

- Check your downspouts. Clean downspouts at least once a year, monitor for overflow or pooling water, and ensure the discharge point is at least 3-4 ft. away from your foundation.
- Take care of your soil. Aeration and mulching fall leaves on lawns help build oxygen-rich organic matter over time that retains more water and supports deep plant roots.
- Plant native plants. Rain gardens are a great solution for wet areas. They are landscaped areas built of attractive, native plants that encourage proper drainage and allow rain and snowmelt to naturally seep into the ground that would otherwise turn into excess runoff.
- Route roof runoff away from your foundation. Rain barrels provide a great way to conserve water, while simultaneously reducing harmful pollution to our community by catching and storing rainwater from your rooftop. This water can be used for watering your garden and lawn, and washing your car, which in turn can also save money on your water bill.



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LOCAL BUSINESS SHOWCASE



Mystic Float & Wellness Center

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Jimmie Bowman opened Mystic Float and Wellness in 2018 after he experienced his first float. The current owner, Julie Smith, was a patron for three years and always thought she would love to operate her own float center. In 2021, the opportunity arose to take over the float center. With the help of Mr. Bowman, Julie stepped in as owner in July of 2021.

Julie stated, "I love that Perry Township is so supportive, particularly to small businesses."

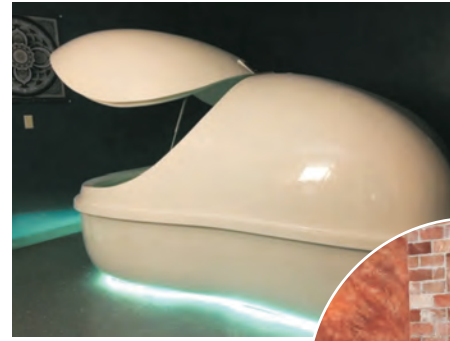
There are two team members to help run the center and five massage practitioners who are considered independent contractors. Julie is looking to hire another part-time person and another massage practitioner soon.

Mystic Float and Wellness offers many healing modalities that when paired together offer whole body benefits. The most popular services are floats and massages. They also offer crystal light therapy, Himalayan halotherapy, Himalayan salt scrubs, energy work, FAR infrared sauna, and an oxygen bar. There is extensive information about

all the services on their website, along with videos explaining the benefits.

Floatation REST is a form of Reduced Environmental Stimulation Therapy (REST) that uses a shallow pool with about 220 gallons of water and 1000 lbs. of Epsom Salt (MgSO4). The water is so dense from the salt content that once you slip into the 10 inches of warm water you float to the surface. The water is heated to the skin temperature and the pool is enclosed in a lightproof, soundproof environment removing external stimulation and creates a calm, quiet environment that gives you the feeling that one is floating effortlessly in space.

Julie runs specials Monday - Thursday and offers packages every day. Mystic Float and Wellness offers tours of the facility Monday-Wednesday as well as Friday and Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 330.915.6045 to schedule a tour or services. You can also schedule appointments online. The center offers a discount for military members and first responders.



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