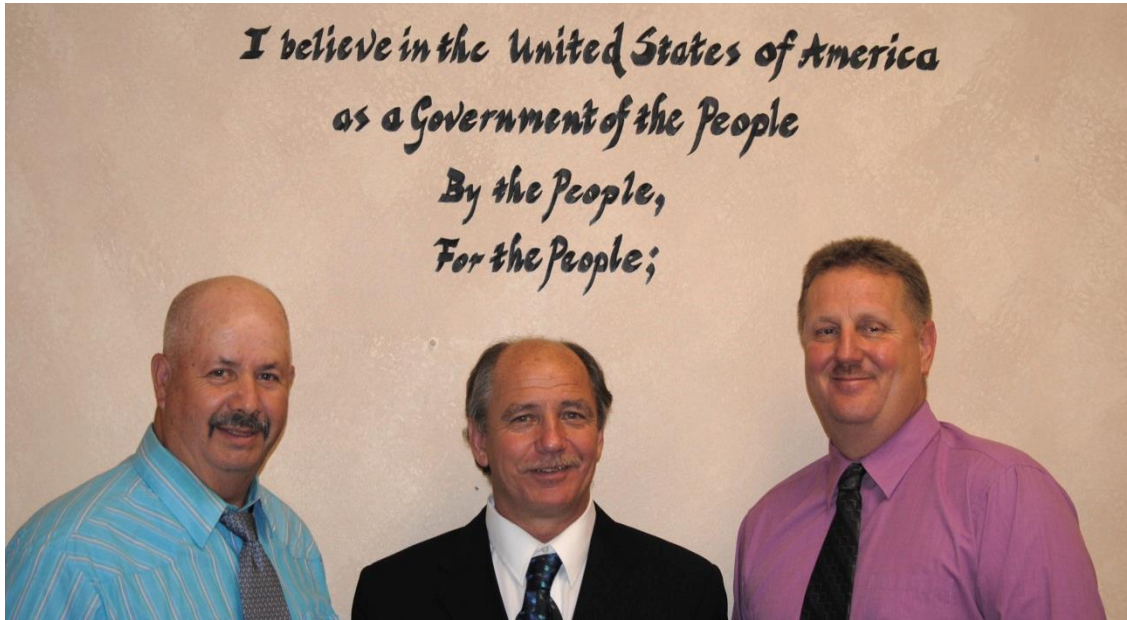


Perry Township

Spring 2014 Newsletter



Gregory J. Kessen, Trustee – Chairman

Hello All,

I would like to start off by THANKING everyone for your support, and looking forward to serving our residents another term.

This has been a long and costly winter for all of Ohio! Big thanks to our Road, Fire and Police Departments in pursuing safe and secure travels and responding well to our communities emergencies. We are continuing maintenance up keep of our Administration Building. A new poured sidewalk has been installed. The board will have new gutters and downspouts installed. Within the last year we contracted with a Mr. Jerry Hunt to oversee our hall rental. This has been a great service to our community and he does a fine job in keeping our building in a clean and tidy state. He can be reached at 419-235-2714 or 419-222-5062 for inquires about hall usage.

The Allen County Water District has completed the run of water service to Westminster (Rudolph Foods) recently. The contractor will be continuing working on this service as testing, flushing and top dressing the grade all along the route. The District will be holding a special meeting at our Administration Building, June 18th @ 7:00 P.M. Look forward to a notice in the mail, by then they should have all details for our residents who are interested in possibly tapping into the new city water .

The continuation of I-75 upgrades have started within our township, you may have already experienced this on St. John's Rd / I-75 intersection. This is some of the Phase 2 plan. Please use caution when traveling along there, be safe!! Along with phase 2 is the rework of Hanthorn Rd. overpass and McClain overpass, with this work supposedly starting late summer. O.D.O.T. tells us that hopefully Eastgate area will be wrapped up by mid-June. The Auglaize River cleanup is still in making progress. They have picked up work around Conant Rd. area and may drop down to 2-mile creek in Auglaize County. This will help alleviate some high water

areas when the clean-up is complete.

In closing our Fiscal Officer has been working on updating our web page that will be more user friendly and easier to update from the Board's end. Also our township cleanup day is June 21st. Dumpsters will be at three locations; one at the road department, 9th and Charledon , and 15th and Reese. The dumpsters will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. We cannot accept tires and hazardous waste. Please take note and put the date in your calendar to rid yourself of any extra trash. There is no cost so please come out and help us keep our community clean.

With the summer season coming upon us, I pray that we all take time and enjoy GOD'S wonderful gifts. Please take the time to enjoy them with your neighbors.

God Bless

Norman Capps, Trustee

First of all, I would like to thank the residents of Perry Township for the opportunity to serve another term as trustee. I would like to note the recycle bin at the garage has been well received and used by the public. Also, everyone appreciates the job the road crew did this winter keeping the roads safe for us to travel. What a winter. The I-75 construction will continue for another two (2) years so bear with us.

Also, residents who have nuisance complaints should contact the Trustees, Zoning Inspector or Police department to register their complaint. The Township will follow-up on all complaints. In many cases results are rapid; others take quite a lengthy time to resolve. Rest assured that appropriate action will be taken on all issues.

Be safe and have a great summer!

Natalie Scott, Fiscal Officer

I want to remind everyone that the township meeting hall is available to rent for family gatherings. The cost to rent the room is \$25.00 for up to five hours or \$50.00 for all day rental for a resident. If you are interested contact Jerry Hunt at 419-235-2714 or 419-222-5062. Jerry has been a great addition to the township with managing and maintaining the rental hall.

We have been diligently working to maintain the townships financial stability. With the elimination of the estate tax and personal property tax and drastic cuts to local government distributions, we are collectively working to adjust our spending.

We are in the final stages of updating our Township wide Employee Handbook. We are trying to stay on top of the new and ever changing employment laws. Also I encourage all the residents to check our website periodically. We are in the process of updating our website. We hope to provide more information to our residents, businesses and other various users. Please check back early summer and we hope to have our new site up and running. If you are not able to attend our township meetings, check out our meeting minutes on our website. I upload the minutes to the website after they are approved. www.perryallenohio.com

Trustee Meetings – 1st and 3rd Tuesday of Month 7:30pm

Rick Phillips, Fire Chief

Hello to the residents of Perry Township from the Fire/EMS Department. We are happy to have the opportunity to communicate to you the current and recent events of the last year. As always, we have had a busy and eventful year. At the close of business for 2013, we have completed a hefty list of requests for service. Our calls for service totaled 1,227. We also recently were approved for a Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Grant to help purchase a new automatic cot for our first out Medic Unit, which will help prevent on the job injuries of our members.

Our Fire Inspection Bureau staffed by Inspectors Ken Lucas and Daryl Styer performed over 190 fire inspections in our township businesses, regulated foster homes, and place of worships. They continue to keep your safety first and foremost in their mission.

We urge all residents to dial 9-1-1 if you have an emergency. The old direct emergency line 221-FIRE is now out of service, but we can still be contacted for non-emergent issues at (419)221-2345. Our station is manned 24 hours a day for all emergencies with one fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic on shift. We also have part time paid EMS who works with our Firefighter/Paramedic on their shift. This set up guarantees our township residents to have the best and fastest response possible because there is always someone on duty at the station. We also provide emergency mutual aid response to maintain EMS care with surrounding departments with only the one full time Firefighter/Paramedic on duty. The public should be aware that there is a chance the station could be unmanned due to crews being out on calls. If emergency services are needed please dial 9-1-1.

Our department is excited to announce we will now be offering CPR training to the public the second Saturday on the even months of the year. For Perry Twp. Residents and/or those who work in the township the cost of the training is free, leaving them only responsible for the cost of the card which is \$5. For any individual not living or working in Perry Township interested in the CPR class, the cost of the training will be \$25. The class dates for the remaining 2014 will be June 14th, August 9th, October 11th, and December 13th all from 9am to 1:30pm. Anyone interested in attending a class should contact Lt. Brooke Hedges at (419)221-2345 or brooke@perryfd.net at least one week prior to desired class.

Our Volunteer staff remains relatively constant at around 50 members. We are always busy maintaining equipment and answering calls. EMS/Fire training and continuing education is an everyday thing at the station. Doing continuing education and training keeps our members up to date on the current information regarding job safety for ourselves and our township residents. Anyone interested in joining the Perry Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, or just seeing “what we do” is welcome to come to the station for a tour or schedule a Ride-a-Long. Please use the same contact information for CPR scheduling.

Thank you for your support with our 2014 Fire & EMS Renewal Levy and a special thank you to all the residents that attended and supported our annual pancake day back in the beginning of April. If you missed it this year please plan on attending next April 2015. We hope to see you there!

Please stay safe and remember to check your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries when you change your clocks!

Corey Lehman, Road Supervisor

Hello residents of Perry Township. A very long and costly winter is finally over. An approximate total of \$24,300 was spent between salt, repairs, and fuel. Also a combined 278 hours of overtime was worked with 66.5 hours of part time help needed. I would like to also ask that you check your mailbox post to make sure they are in good condition and not rotten, the force of the snow coming off the plows will break rotten posts and we are not responsible to replace rotten poles or broken plastic boxes. Just a reminder for next season.

Our road program will be more sealing a few miles of roads and crack patching approximately 2 miles of road. We will be renting a crack patch machine again this year in conjunction with Auglaize Township. This could not be done without their help and ours to have enough manpower to run the equipment. Some berms around will also be cut down on the edges of the road so that water can get in the ditch instead of running along the edge. In doing this it will help reduce the edges of the road falling off and cracking so badly. Reconstruction of I-75 will continue this year with Hanthorn Rd overpass and State Route 65 overpass.

Mowing of the ditches this summer will be done as usual with mowing starting in May. Cutting of ditch banks will also be done with the arm mower, as needed. We will also continue on our spraying of underbrush along woods to prevent overgrowth. Cemetery mowing is also a big part of our maintenance work in the spring and summer. A list of cemetery rules and regulations are available on our website or can be picked up at the road department office. If you have questions about the roads or ditches contact Corey Lehman (Road Supervisor) at 419-221-3949. Someone is usually in the shop or office from 7:00-8:00AM, 11:30-12:00, and 3:00-3:00PM. If we are not please leave a message with name and number and we will return your call.

Tony Hayes, Zoning Inspector

New projects in the township are off to a slow start this year. There could be several reasons for this, the economy or bad weather. However, there is growth in the Township. There are several new businesses that have opened up in vacant buildings adding to the tax base. There have been a number of inquiries into possibly new and exciting projects for the township, but nothing concrete at this time.

Everyone knows that you need a Permit to build a new structure or add on to an existing structure. You also need a Permit to build a storage building, swimming pool, and pond, put up a sign or change a sign or put up a decorative fence. Some people in the township either skip this process or come in after they have already started the project. This kind of action leads to a lot of rework for everyone involved, so please contact me for the Permit before you start.

With grant money we were able to tear down and remove four old houses in 2013. There was 1 house that was torn down by the owners and we still have 1 more to be removed as soon as the weather permits. This type of grant money is starting to dry up, however we will continue to apply for new grants. This work is vital if the Township is to continue the cleanup of Perry Township.

Section 13.6 Junk: The accumulation or storage of junk, junk vehicles, disabled or inoperative machinery or equipment, vehicles or machinery parts, rags or any other discarded objects or debris defined as junk in Section 4737.05(A) of the Ohio Revised Code or in such statute as it may hereafter be amended shall be prohibited outside of a completely enclosed roofed facility or outside of an existing registered, approved salvage yard in order to protect residents from conditions conducive to the infestation and breeding of vermin, insects and rodents. If you have any questions about this or any other zoning issues please call me at 419-225-9780 or stop by the township building. I am usually there most Tuesdays from 10AM until 12:00 noon.

Looking to Build? – Get a Natural Resources Review First

The Allen Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting a Natural Resources Review Program with the Perry Township Trustees. The Natural Resources Review Program evaluates properties with the primary goal of minimizing the negative effects from development to the property and neighboring land. Ideally a review is conducted prior to a zoning permit being issued or approved. Features of a natural resources review include: soil types including limitations and capabilities of soils, surface drainage patterns, known subsurface drainage/tile, floodplains, setbacks based on zoning regulations including access management, established drainage projects and associated setbacks, adjoining landowners - including contact information, location of known utilities, general placement of structures and other key features, and contacts for agencies related to needs of property. For information on how to obtain a review, contact Township Zoning Inspector, Tony Hayes.

Bob Phillips, Police Chief

My department is excited to soon be driving around the Township in our new 2014 Dodge Charger. Unfortunately Ford has quit making the Crown Victoria police car, which is what our two current police cars are. The trustees and I felt the Dodge Charger was the best option for our budget. We hope to have the new cruiser on the streets of Perry Township in just a few weeks.

As construction continues in the State Route 117 and 309 projects I would like to encourage all residence to pay attention to the signage in the construction zones. This is not only for the safety of the construction workers but also for your safety as well. Be mindful that direction of traffic can change daily. You may want to look for alternate routes around the area do to the replacement of overpasses and bridges in our area, such as State Route 65, McClain Rd., and Hanthorn Rd.

As always I want to remind the residents of Perry to watch out for your neighbor's property. If you notice something suspicious please call the police department or the sheriff's department. If we work together we can detour this kind of theft. Also, if you are going on vacation don't forget to notify the police department so that we can put your house on the house check list.

As the weather warms I would like to ask the residence of Perry to watch for children playing and riding bicycles in the streets of our neighborhoods. When children are playing they will not be watching for you.

If you have questions, concerns or need to place your house on the house check list please give us a call at 419-221-1870.

To the residence of Perry Township have a fun and safe summer.

NEW RECYCLING CENTER AT ROAD DEPARTMENT

In case you were not aware, the township was the recipient of a recycle dumpster last July. Some residents have seen the sign posted at our road department and have made use of it. Our recycle dumpster is sponsored by North Central Ohio Solid Waste District. Mr. Joe Martin, representative of NCOSWD, was a very big help in attaining this for the township's use. The hours are posted on the sign at the road department. If you are using it, the board thanks you for recycling! If not, please consider taking time to do this for the environment. When you find your particular bin full, please use any other bin that has empty space because Allen County Recyclers wants the dumpster completely full before transporting and returning back. If you find the dumpster completely full, please take time to call the phone number on the side of the dumpster.

Northwest Perry Township Neighborhood Association

Our neighborhood will be having Northwest Perry residents sign up for smoke detectors, a membership drive, seeking members from the businesses in Perry Township, & Beautiful home contest. We are looking for new members and sponsors.

President – Mary Williamson Contact # 419-227-2139

Perry Township Historical Society

The Perry Township Historical Society invites the community to the 7th Annual Founder's Day on June 7, 2014. The event will take place at the Allen County Fairgrounds under the grandstands. This will be a dine in or drive thru accessible dinner. The Founders day will consist of a dinner from 2PM -6PM.

Menu:

Baked Swiss Steak
Kettle Creation Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Apple sauce
Roll

\$7.00 per meal

We will have presale tickets available.

Call Kevin Cox at 419-303-6810 for tickets or more information.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Perry Township – Allen County

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Fiscal Officer - Natalie Scott – 419-302-6444

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