



Township Cleanup Day is June 17th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. No tires or hazardous materials will be accepted. Drop off locations are:

Township Garage – 2501 E Breese Rd

9th Street and Charledon Ave.

15th Street and Reese Ave.

2017 Newsletter

Hello Perry Township,

The Board of Trustees hopes all is well with everyone. We're sure everyone is looking for a fun filled and safe spring and summer. It's time to write and inform our residents of the yearly activities within the township and outside areas of the county in our annual newsletter.

The board embraces the newly built and opening of our Perry Elementary School. The school was needed and wishes the community shows great support of the new school. The school administration and school board are continuing to work on small items to smooth out the transition from old to new, so we appreciate the patience of our residents. Speaking of Commodores, we would like to recognize and say how proud of our recent boys basketball team in making its first ever appearance in the State Semi-Finals. In being down there to show our team support we witnessed a great amount of community support for our team. The board wants to say thank you, to our township for showing the team great support in their efforts. The Trustees would like to congratulate our coaches and team for a great season.

In our township we have seen most of the orange barrels disappear. There is some small amount of cleanup to do and little loose ends here and there but for the most part it's done in the area. This had made our departments a little busier than most times, but the board wishes to tell our departments again they did a very nice job for our township providing services when called upon. Within our township, we're sure you have noticed the pipeline construction being done. We have kept in contact with them on their progress. We ask to please use caution when approaching their worksites and crossing of their lay down areas. We hope this all to be done and wrapped up by midsummer.

The trustees plan to upgrade Roschman Avenue, this runs south off of Harding Highway. We have been in the works with the county to apply and have received from the state a grant to

offset the upgrade. The township will only be responsible for twenty percent of the cost of the project. The board has kept the businesses informed of the upcoming construction of this project. The work is due to start late summer / early fall so please keep this in mind for later in the year. Issue One money is normally distributed by the state every four years and when it becomes available to our township, we stretch it the best we can to benefit the paving of our roads. With this funding we were able to do three miles of paving last year in our township. In our road program this year we have a number of small projects laid out. The board is attempting to start paving a mile of road each year as funds allow. This is a very small fraction of maintaining our 47 miles of roads in the township.

Our Fire Department continues to offer quality services to our community. The fire chief and his staff continues training and educating the latest techniques to his department. This enables our department to be readily available for any emergencies responded to. Currently the department offers CPR training at the Fire House, any questions for this training and class availability; please call Lt. Brooke Hedges @ 419-221-2345 or e-mail brooke@perryfd.net.

The Perry Police Department, being a part-time department does its best in patrolling and to maintain safety throughout the township. They ask for patience in dealing with driving situations that sometimes becomes frustrating. A friendly reminder that we all have the same rights as everyone else does on the road. With texting becoming more of an unsafe driving practice, we ask that parents and adults set a good example for our youth and refrain from being distracted when behind the driver's wheel. We thank you very much for this effort. If you see our patrolmen out and about, please give them a friendly Hello.

The board works with our Zoning Inspector to maintain a clean and friendly township to encourage growth within our borders. We ask our residents to participate in this effort to make our township appealing for future growth. Currently there is a program initiated from the county treasurer to remove blighted houses within the county. With no cost to the township, in participating with this program we have roughly a list of ten homes to start. This will enable opportunities for development of new homes in our township. We would like to point out that this last fall we initiated another lighting district on Glenn Avenue. The residents received it very well. It made the avenue a much safer place for travel.

In closing the current board works very hard at making the right decisions to maintain our roads, safety services and being fiscal responsible. We are very appreciated of the support we receive from you, our township residents. We realize that all decisions made are not all agreed with, but is made with the best interest of our township. We ask for continued support of levies for the fire and township to maintain these services rendered for our residents. We feel with our township resident's support our future within our township seems to be on solid ground.

Again, THANK YOU for being A Proud resident of Perry Township and GOD BLESS!

Zoning Department: Tony Hayes

Winter has come and gone and it would appear that summer is just around the corner. As usual most of us have been putting off picking up the trash and debris that the wind has blown into our yards. With warmer days on the way it is a good time to pick up and spruce up our properties. In an effort to aid the residents of Perry Township we will once again be having our annual cleanup day on June 17 from 9 A. M. until 1 P.M.

Once again junk cars have become a problem in the township. If you have a junk vehicle sitting on your property you might want to donate it to Goodwill. Goodwill has a very good program where they will come out and tow your vehicle away for free and you can take a tax credit for the donation. If you are interested you can contact Holly Howard at 419-999-2886 for complete details. I will be doing a ride around with the trustees to identify the properties that have junk vehicles still setting on the properties and take whatever actions that are necessary to reduce the number of junk vehicles sitting around Perry Township.

I have again applied for state grant to demolish and remove blighted houses in the township. Along with the rest of the county, our township has been awarded enough funds to tear down at least 10 houses. There is a chance for additional funds if there is any money left near the end of this program. We should see the demolition start in the upcoming weeks. After the houses are torn down the properties will be planted with grass and in some cases trees and shrubs.

Road Department: Corey Lehman

Hello residents of Perry Township. Hope the past year has been a good one. This winter was yet again a very mild one, only 160 tons of salt mixture was used. Our road program this year is a coming in at around \$129,728.57. 2.2 miles of roadway will be sealed and a mile of road will be paved. We are fortunate enough to be getting Issue One money again this year to replace the concrete road on Roschman Ave. at a cost of approximately \$200,000.00. The township is responsible for 20% percent of payment at \$40,000.00. This project will be a total excavation with new tile, curbs, and asphalt roadway to replace the existing concrete. Paving a mile of roadway cost around \$70,000 per mile and with almost 47 miles of roadway to maintain it is very costly. We rented a crack patching machine again this year in conjunction with Auglaize Township in April. This could not be done without their help and ours to have enough manpower to run the equipment. This year the Township is also renting a Dura Patcher for the month of August. This machine mixes stone and tar which is sprayed through a gun to seal over potholes and very large and numerous cracks in the roadway. This process helps eliminate the return of most potholes for a longer period of time than putting cold mix in them. 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 bad.

Mowing of the ditches this summer will be done as usual with mowing starting in early May. Cutting of ditch banks will also be done with the arm mower, as needed. 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 road department office. We will also continue on our spraying of underbrush along woods to prevent overgrowth. If you have any 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- 8:00 AM, 11:30-12:00, and 3:00-3:30 PM. If we are not please leave message with name and number so we can return your call.

Fire Department: Chief Rick Phillips

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 2016, we have completed a hefty list of requests for service. Our calls for service totaled 1,166.

We are very proud and grateful for the replacement of our oldest medic unit last fall. We purchased a 2016 Dodge ambulance equipped with four wheel drive to better serve our residents in the winter months.

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 offer CPR training to the public when requested. For Perry Residents or Perry business employees the cost of the training is free, leaving them only responsible for the cost of the card which is usually approximately \$5; For non-residents the cost

is \$25. Anyone interested in attending a class should contact Lt. Brooke Hedges at (419)221-2345 x5 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 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 2018. 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!

Police Department: Chief Bob Phillips

As we wait for warm weather and sunshine, the Police Department will be preparing for the summer months. We will be making a visible presence in multiple areas of the township, watching for speed and stop sign violations. As well as completing our regular patrol duties.

We would like to remind the residents of Perry Township to please not give money to the panhandlers in our area. When you give these individuals money it may be contributing to a drug problem. If an individual approaches your vehicle, making you feel uncomfortable, please feel free to call 9-1-1. Please NEVER give these individuals a ride, some have the potential to be dangerous.

As warmer weather approaches I would like to remind you to please watch out for your neighbor. This is the time of year that people like to walk away with you and your neighbor's property. As family vacations are planned don't forget to ask a trusted neighbor or friend to keep an eye on your house and property. You can also put your house on the Police Department house check list, by calling the department at 419-221-1870.

My officers were so excited to be teaming up with the Perry School PTO for the 1st annual Cops for Kids day. This was held on Saturday April 8th. All the other local departments including Sheriff's office, Lima Police Department, State Highway Patrol, Dare, K-9 units and EMA Bomb Squad attended the event. We had a great time interacting with the students of Perry Elementary School.

Please be mindful of the children in our Township. Drive slowly while driving through neighborhoods, watching for children who may dart out into the roadway. Watch for bicyclist on both the country roads and also the neighborhood roadways. While children are playing they may not be watching for you.

In closing, I would like to wish all residents a happy and safe year!

Perry Township Historical Society: Kevin Cox

Good spring to everyone. I think I can say this winter weather has been a historical event. The weather patterns sure seem to be changing.

We still have calls and communication with people in and out of the township. Anything from names and locations of cemeteries, school houses, names of families that seem to no longer live in our township. A lot of the times I have to refer them to the Allen County Museum to find out more particulars on the subject.

This past March some of the members volunteered to help set up and tear down chicken pens at the annual chicken show at the Allen County Fairgrounds. We raised \$500.00 and would like to thank all for helping. This year on our building at the corner of Hanthorn and Greely Chapel Rd. we are going to do some roof repairs and re-mortar some of the bricks on the walls. These repairs all take time and money. Any donations would be gladly accepted.

We are planning a garage sale and pulled pork sandwiches. The date has not been determined yet. We will advertise when it is set. If you have any items you would like to donate please contact us.

If you have any information to share or information you are looking for you can contact Kevin Cox at 419-303-6810.

Have a good year.

Looking to Build in Perry Township? Or Know Someone Who Is?

The Allen Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting Natural Resources Review Program with the Perry Township Trustees. The Review Program evaluates properties with the primary goal of minimizing negative effects from development to the property and neighboring land. Ideally a review is conducted prior to a zoning permit being issued or approved. No cost to participate. Contact Zoning Inspector -Tony Hayes for more information.



The Board of Trustees Proclamation for Ron D. Gilroy, Sr.

The Board of Trustees deemed it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to Ron D. Gilroy, Sr. on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

Ron D. Gilroy Sr. was honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his 80th birthday on October 22, 2016. Ron was active in the community of Perry Township for a combined 56 years. He served 23 years as a police officer for Perry Police Department, 27 years as an active fire and rescue worker with Perry Fire Department and 6 years as zoning officer for Perry Township.



Recycle Center at Road Department

Our recycle dumpster is sponsored by North Central Ohio Solid Waste District and Perry Township. A complete list of acceptable items is located on the dumpster. If you come to drop off your items and a particular bin is full on both sides, please use any other available bin. We thank you for taking the time to recycle!

Perry Township – Allen County

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