



The Perry BULLETIN BOARD

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From the desk of...

The Yard Waste drop-off facility has **re-opened** as of **Saturday, April 3rd**. The hours are Wednesdays from noon - 3 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Just a reminder the facility will only accept residential drop-offs, no commercial haulers or landscapers.

The Spring Clean-up will be taking a new format this year. Vendors are no longer willing to perform the curbside pick-up service as we have traditionally provided. We know residents take advantage of this service and the Trustees want to provide the residents an option on discarding their trash. We will be conducting a **one-day trash drop-off at the Webb Road Service Garage on Saturday, May 8th from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm**. We will provide roll-off dumpsters available for residents to use. The Service Department will be available to assist with unloading. We will be checking ID's (drivers license or utility bill). Please reference the enclosed flyer for more details on the drop-off rules and restrictions.

We are looking forward to bringing back the Perry Township Summer Concert Series in July. After all of the interruptions in 2020, this will be a welcome event. **The concerts will begin Wednesday, July 7th and run through Wednesday, August 18th from 7 pm - 9 pm**. The concerts are made possible by contributions of local businesses and are free to the public. The band schedule has been set, please refer to the enclosed flyer. Please plan to bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us for these concerts. Concessions are available for purchase at Break by the Lake.

In collaboration with and at the recommendation of the Lake County Engineers Office, we are happy to report that the paving of **Lilac Court, Maine Avenue (from Lane Road to Oakbrook Village), Pine Court and Vermont Avenue** is scheduled to be paved the end of April, weather permitting. **Apache Trail** will be double chip sealed also at the end of April. **Baldwin Road** and **Bartwood Drive** will be in the early June time frame. The County projects of **Blackmore Road** and **Davis Road** are scheduled to begin in mid-June. Please be patient with the crews while they are completing these projects.

The Lake County EMA has updated their reverse 911 emergency notification system. The new Wireless Emergency Notification System or WENS went into operation on January 1, 2021. Phone numbers from the old system were migrated but now is a great time to confirm that you are in the system in case your number changed. Please go to www.reverse911signup.info. Registration takes less than 60 seconds.

Notary Services are available at the Township Administration Office during regular business hours (8 am - 5 pm). Please provide a picture ID. This is a service the Township offers free of charge.

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



We sadly mourn the loss of **Mary L. Platko** who died January 20th, 2021 at the age of 90. This is a compilation of her life. Most of this article was written by Jack Kless[§], editor of Mary's new book "A Little Bit of Perry History."

Mary Louise Platko was born in Alverda, Indiana County, Pennsylvania on September 16, 1930, the daughter of a coal miner. She attended the local public schools. Mary developed an interest in both writing and journalism and served as the literary editor in school. But at that time, cost and custom dictated that she not pursue her education beyond high school, so she went to work at the G. C. Murphy Company. Shortly, after getting married, she and her husband John (Jack) Platko moved to Perry, Ohio where they raised five children. Over the course of the next 65 years, she integrated herself into her adopted community in a way revealed by its people and their collective history.

Mary served as a Perry Township Clerk, Perry Township Zoning Board Secretary, Special Projects Secretary, and assistant editor for the *Perry Township Bulletin Board*. During her time with the Perry Township Trustees, she was asked to research the names and dates of service of all who served as township trustees from the founding of the township (1815) to the present day. It was during this process that she met John Hisen who was researching the historical origin of his Perry Village home. Together in the summer of 1991, they discussed the need to document and preserve the history of the community and, to that end, they convened a meeting at the Perry Public Library to form the Perry Historical Society on November 11, 1991. The Perry Historical Society was incorporated in the state of Ohio on March 14, 1992. Mary has served as president, vice-president and secretary for the Society, as well as historian and curator (2004-2014) for the museum which opened on September 13, 1997.

In 1979, Mary began as a part-time secretary in the Perry Township Fire Department. She advanced to an administrative secretary role and while working at the fire department compiled a comprehensive history of the development of the Perry Fire Service and all who served in the department, including the location of past fire stations. She also documented the disasters that help shape the fire service and its evolution from bucket brigade to a full functioning township fire service.

Mary researched sources and interviewed citizens of Perry and began to publish in local publications what she called, *A Little Bit of Perry History*. These one-page snippets of Perry History covered a wide range of topics and had not been documented or made available prior to this time.

Consistent with the mission of the Perry Historical Society, Mary worked with other members of the historical society to share the history of Perry with school children and to share with them a love of history and the process of seeking it. Mary was always present for her children. "When the kids walked in the door, I wanted to make sure that I was home." "I wanted to hear their stories."

Mary was deeply involved with her church, St. Cyprian. She was a part of its founding in 1968, and served on the parish council (1994-2018), she was a Eucharistic Minister of Communion, and from 1992 to the present served as its historian. She authored a history of the church, "A Nursery of Faith in the Perry Community".

Mary was recognized and received the Perry Senior Volunteer Award in 2008, served on the Perry Senior Advisory Board (1997-2010), was Perry Senior Center President in 2007, and in 2017 was selected as a Lake County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Inductee.

Jack Kless, a more recent member of the Perry Historical Society also has a love of history and books. With his encouragement and never-ending support, Mary and he completed the long task of putting pen to paper and her book "A Little Bit of Perry History" was born. (Continued on next page)

PERRY CEMETERY



We're asking that Christmas wreaths and decorations be removed by April 30th. Hopefully, we've seen the last of the snow and we can begin to do our spring cleanups and restorations in the cemeteries.

Foundations will be poured the last week of April or first week of May. All foundation orders received by April 23rd will be included and ready for Memorial Day.

Please be reminded - dogs are not allowed in the cemeteries. There are signs posted at each entrance that state "No Dogs Allowed". The cemetery is a beautiful place to walk, and we are happy that our residents enjoy the serenity of walking there, but please leave your dogs home.

Any planting must be approved by myself or the Administrator, Karen Sundy. Karen can be reached at 259-5140 and my number is listed below. Planting is only allowed in the stone line - not in the middle of the graves. Any planting, other than in the stone line, will be removed. We have to be able to mow in a clear line and can't be responsible for damage to plants or other items that should not be there.

Please contact Jen at the Township office for an order form if you're interested in purchasing a commemorative brick for a family member or friend who has served in the military. Cost is \$40 each. Bricks are placed at the Veterans Memorial in Center Road Cemetery.

If you have cemetery concerns or I can be of help, please call me anytime at 440-417-2010.

**Michele Woltman
Sexton**

PERRY AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY

We would like to give a shout out to all the businesses and volunteers that helped to make our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs for our veterans a success. For Thanksgiving, First Energy teamed up with us to provide 100 meals to veterans and families in need. Past members and First Energy employees shopped, boxed the items, and put them in the cars as they came through the drive-thru. They received a full Thanksgiving dinner from turkey to pumpkin pie. We are so honored to help them.



For Christmas, the Ladies Auxiliary with the help of the V.A., took on a project of 5 veterans that had been homeless but had just gotten apartments. We started a food drive at the Perry IGA. Besides the customers, we had donations from American Legion Post 112, Mr. Deming, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hagan, Jerry Juncker, Post Commander in honor of his wife Janet, Stanko Family, Keener Family Cleaners, Perry Food Bank, and Ed & Kathy Williams who brought their beautiful truck to share with the community. The wonderful end of the story is that after our members and auxiliary members delivered the food there was money left to buy many of the things they needed for their apartments.

If anyone knows of a veteran in need, please contact us at Perry Amvets Post 1971 phone number 259-5131. We have Friday night dinners at the Post and all are welcome from 5-8. Thanks again for all the support and God Bless.

**Cindy Gant
Auxiliary President**

AMERICAN LEGION



Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Merchant Marines who gave their lives in defense of our Country and the freedoms we enjoy today. Traditionally, we gather as a community on this day to pay tribute to them as well to those deceased and living Veterans who live with the physical or emotional wounds of combat, as well as all of those who served and are currently serving in the military and protecting our way of life.

We had to cancel all Memorial Day activities last year due to the pandemic. Based on the current state of the pandemic, we plan on resuming most activities this year with some modifications.

Schedule of Events for Memorial Day 2021

- **9:00 am** Townline Park (north end of Townline Road): Ceremony to honor those lost at sea and those commemorated at the Veterans Memorial (~10 minutes)
- **9:30 am** Perry Cemetery (Center Road): Ceremony to honor Veterans (~20 minutes). This will be a more formal ceremony than in the past.
- **11:00 am** Parade steps off at Harper Street and marches along Main Street past the Perry Historical Museum as it has in the past. Participation is voluntary.

Parade Participants: We ask that all units follow the COVID restrictions in effect at the time of the parade. Units should spread out and remain a safe distance from groups ahead. Units are not permitted to throw or hand out candy, fliers, business cards or similar materials to anyone watching the parade. The Veterans Recognition Ceremony we have hosted after the parade in the past, will **not** be held this year in order to enable all parade participants to disperse and clear the area at the end of the parade route.

Parade Observers: We ask that families spread out along the parade route and maintain a safe distance from others.

Perry Veterans: We need 10 Veterans, or anyone who previously served in or is currently serving in the Reserves or National Guard, to volunteer for the rifle squad and color guard. Training will be held at the Perry Methodist Church at 8:00 am on Memorial Day and we would appreciate your service until completion of the parade. Please contact Tom Anderson 330-352-5378 (call or text) no later than Saturday May 15th.

Please check the "Public Notices and Announcements" on the township website for schedule updates or modifications: <http://www.perrytownship-lake.com>.

**Tom Anderson
Commander**

CRAFTERS WANTED

Perry Senior Center
Annual Craft Fair and Chinese Auction
Saturday, October 9, 2021
Please call 440-259-3772 for an application



PERRY SENIOR CENTER
LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Happy Spring!!!

Spring has always reminded me of new life and new beginnings. This spring it is especially true. After a long year of Covid-19 restrictions and shut-downs, the Perry Senior Center is planning a responsible reopening on **Monday, April 19, 2021**. With guidelines and reopening requirements changing frequently we will begin with limited, timed, and spaced activities to ensure the safety of all our members. New practices and procedures are now in place to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19. We have been apart for too long and we look forward to making new friends. Now is an excellent time to renew your membership or join our center to make connections and start a new beginning. If Covid taught us anything it is that we are created for connection and life is too beautiful to not share it with others.

Christine Znidarsic

GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING

- No one is required to be vaccinated to enter the building or join the center.
- We will ask some health questions and take temperatures before entry. Honesty is essential for the safety of all members.
- Masks must be worn at all times unless actively exercising.
- Additional guidelines can be found at www.perryseniorcenter.net

Phase One

Mondays

9:00-9:45 Yoga
10:30-11:30 Line Dancing
12:00-1:00 Bingo
6:30-7:15 Zumba Gold

Tuesdays

Vaccine Clinic
Happy Hikers
offsite walking

Wednesdays

9:00-10:00 Chair Volleyball

10:30-11:15 Healthy Joints

Thursdays

Vaccine Clinic

Fridays

9:00-9:30 Morning Yoga
10:00-10:45 Fitness Fusion

Phase Two

Mondays

9:00-9:45 Yoga
10:30-11:30 Line Dancing
12:00-1:00 Bingo
12:00-2:00 Cards (all games)
1:30-2:15 Senior Beats

Tuesdays

Vaccine Clinic
Happy Hikers
offsite walking

Wednesdays

9:00-10:00 Chair
Volleyball
9:00-10:30 Men's Coffee
9:00-11:30 Card Making
10:30-11:15 Healthy Joints
12:00-2:00 Cards (all games)

Thursdays

Vaccine Clinic

Fridays

9:00-9:30 Morning Yoga
10:00-10:45 Fitness Fusion

JKL Tours presents:

Historic Churches of Cleveland

moderate walking
Tuesday, April 20 \$81

Chocolate and Wine Tour at Gervasi's

moderate walking
Tuesday, May 25 \$99

Summer in Ohio's Amish Country

moderate walking
Thursday, June 24 \$77

Summer Surprise Mystery trip #1

moderate walking
Friday, July 23 \$91

The Lincoln Hwy/Buy-Way Garage Sale

extensive walking
Friday, August 13 \$49

End of Summer Day at Put-In-Bay

Extensive Walking
Wednesday, September 1 \$109

Seats are limited. Registration and deposits are required to reserve your spot. Early registration is critical to ensure that no trips are cancelled.

Call the Perry Senior Center for details at
440-259-3772

Fitness Room is available by appointment only. NO WALK INS.
Podiatry, Legal Council, and Computer Consulting is available by appointment. Tax preparation will be available by appointment through the end of April.

****NEW FORMAT****

Curbside pick-up no longer available

PERRY TOWNSHIP SPRING TRASH DROP-OFF

Saturday, May 8th
7:00 am - 3:30 pm

for residents of Perry Township & Perry Village

(North Perry conducts their own pickup)

Perry Township will provide roll-offs at the Township Service Department, 4720 Webb Road, for one day only (listed above), for residents to bring their trash for drop-off. **NO** curbside pick-up will be offered.



CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES

1. ID's will be checked. (Drivers license or utility bill).
2. No metal over 4 ft. in length (metal collection at Road Garage)
3. **No tires will be collected. Please visit the Tire Collection at the Lake County Fairgrounds on May 1st, 8 am to 2 pm.**
4. No containers or boxes over 50 pounds
5. Unacceptable items: batteries, leaves, brush, yard waste, hazardous materials, liquid paint, dead animals, propane tanks, gas tanks & regular household garbage.
6. No engine blocks or heavy automobile parts
7. Items such as shingles, plasterboard, etc. must be boxed or in a container.
8. Items containing freon will **NOT** be collected.
9. Service Department employees will be there to assist with unloading.

Perry Township Park 2021 Summer Concerts

Every Wednesday, July 7th - August 18th
7:00-9:00 P.M.

Concerts are held at Perry Township Park located at the end of Perry Park Rd.

July 7th

Castaways

50's, 60's, Rock & Motown

July 14th

Burnt Valves

Classic Rock

July 21st

Free Howie

70's, 80's & 90's

July 28th

Risk Factor

Danceable/singable hits from the 70's to today

August 4th

Andy's Last Band

Classic Rock

August 11th

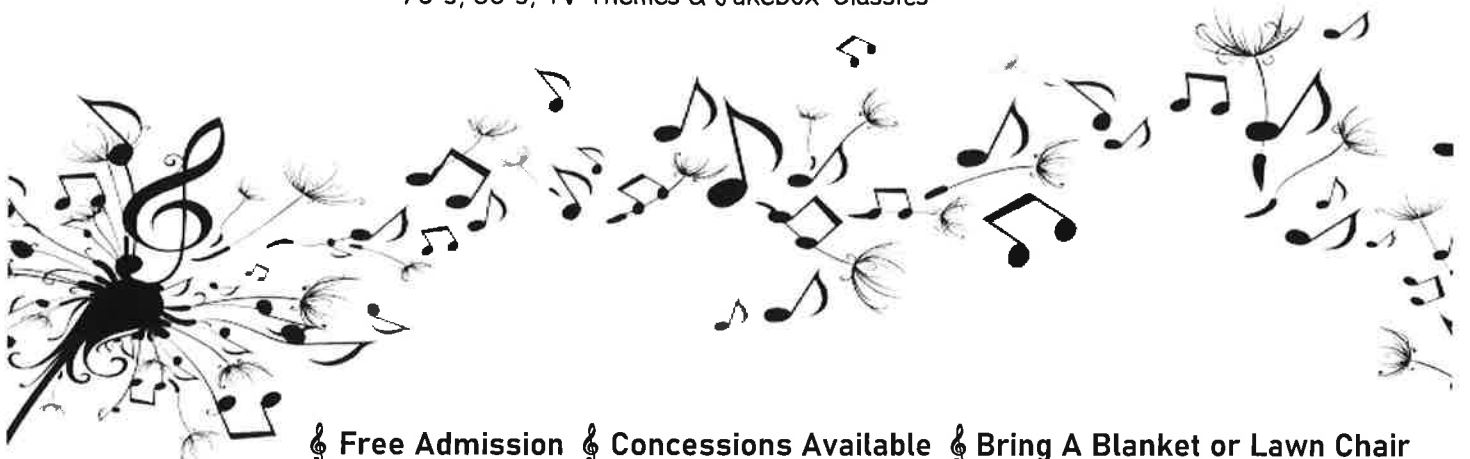
Swamp Rattlers

Blues, Rock, Americana

August 18th

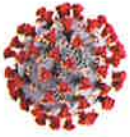
Vinyl Arcade

70's, 80's, TV Themes & Jukebox Classics



🎵 Free Admission 🎵 Concessions Available 🎵 Bring A Blanket or Lawn Chair

PERRY HELPS FIGHT THE SPREAD OF COVID



We are very proud that our Perry Community Center has become one of the most successful sites in Lake County for administering the Covid 19 vaccines. To date, we have hosted eight events and administered first and second dose vaccines to approximately 2,500 individuals, for a total of nearly 5,000 vaccinations.

Fire Chief Jim McDonald, along with staff from the Lake County Health District, and firemen not only from our **Perry Joint Fire District**, but from several others including Concord, Painesville Township, Fairport, Painesville City, Grand River, Leroy and Madison Township, provided a smooth and efficiently run experience for all who participated. It was clear by actions and comments that everyone was grateful to be able to get their shots locally and in a superbly well run organized system.

Our thanks also go out to members of our staff that gave of their time during the events including Administrator **Karen Sundy**, Fiscal Officer **Chris Page**, Cemetery Sexton **Michele Woltman**, Senior Center Directors **Christine Znidarsic** and **Beth Ann Skoruoski**. Our service department staff **Wade Crofoot**, **Ryan Sprague**, **Brandon Warren**, **Chris Hazel**, **Todd Schultz** and **Johnathan Taylor** also helped direct traffic and help those who needed assistance getting into the building.

It has always been important to us to give back to our community whenever possible. We are fortunate to have so many members of our staff that embrace that philosophy to help make events like this possible.

If you are still in need of being vaccinated, please check the Lake County General Health Department website for future locations.

We thank all of you for your support!

Nancy Steele, Bob Dawson and Rick Amos
Trustees

UPCOMING JEDD (JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) PROJECT

Perry's Joint Economic Development District has retained Hull & Associates of Bedford, Ohio to provide professional services for the design and construction plan preparation for the Perry Park Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements and the Clark Road Lift Station. Bob Parker from Perry Township is the Senior Project Manager under this agreement.

Lake County's master utilities plan calls for sanitary sewers for the properties south of US20, west of the Middle Ridge Road/US20 intersection, and north of Narrows Road to be serviced by the existing Clark Road force main. The design and construction of a sewer running north, down Perry Park to a new lift station and then to the Clark Road line, will provide a sewer solution for the large mass of properties on the south side of US20 and the properties lining Perry Park Road including the 82-acre parcel currently known as the "West" farm, which is owned by the JEDD and earmarked for commercial development in Perry's long-range plan.

One of the initial, primary objectives of this planning agreement is to install the required sewer line across US20, prior to ODOT's reconstruction of that road currently scheduled to begin in 2023. Hull's services will include field surveying and mapping, sanitary design, construction plan preparation for the sewer lines and lift station, and preparation permit to install. These services will require Hull to coordinate closely with the Lake County Department of Utilities and to submit the plans to the Ohio EPA.

ALL funding for this planning and preparation will come from the JEDD's development accounts, not from Perry Township. The JEDD funds have been built up over several years from the payroll and profit taxes collected from businesses operating within the District.

Bob Dawson
Chairman
Perry Joint Economic Development District

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



The snow has melted, the rain and wind is beginning to subside, the plants are budding and the trees are blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning, with it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from threat of fire. In an effort to make this "Spring Cleanup" a fire safe one, Perry Joint Fire District provides the following safety tips:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Never borrow smoke alarm batteries to use for toys or other equipment.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel- never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only- not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

If you have any questions or would like clarification on any fire safety tips please call Perry Fire @ 440-259-2880 and ask for prevention office. Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable spring.

John Cumberledge
Public Education Coordinator



As things begin to open back up, we are still practicing precautionary measures with temperature checks and masks being mandatory upon entering our buildings. We will be doing something different this year with the pancake breakfast. So many look forward to this event every year. With COVID, we had to cancel in 2020. This year, we have instituted a "drive through" event. We feel this will keep the public safe but still allow everyone to enjoy delicious pancakes. We will have entrance and exits clearly marked for everyone's safety. Our hope is to return to "normal" in 2022. Everyone please stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather!!

Chief James McDonald

OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

Intentionally set fires that escape control are the most common source of wildfire in Ohio. Careless burning of debris, escaped campfires, discarded cigarettes and children playing with fire are all preventable causes of wildfire.

TRASH AND DEBRIS BURNING

Opening is in Ohio for residents only during the months of

March, April, May, October and November from 6a.m. to 6 p.m. (ORC 1503.18) Nurseries with permits are still permitted to burn. Never burn on windy days. Consider alternatives such as composting and recycling.

CAMP FIRE SAFETY

Adult supervision is always required around fires. Keep campfires away from steep slopes, overhanging branches and dry leaves or grass. Clear a small area down to bare soil and build a fire ring with rocks or dig a shallow pit. Have water or a way to extinguish the fire for emergencies on hand.

ARSON FIRE

Arson is a felony in Ohio, in both structural and wildfire saturations. If you see someone setting an incendiary fire, note a description of the person, their vehicle and license plate and call 911 as soon as possible.

Captain Tim Sitz

To let everyone know, we are once again open to doing CPR and First Aid BLS Health Care class to the public. Please call 440-259-2280 if you wish to schedule a class.

Lt. Pat Fuerst

THE PERRY CENTER (FOOD PANTRY)

We have been following all of the COVID health and safety regulations and have remained open and serving our clients. If you are in need of assistance and you live in Perry, work in Perry and/or worship in Perry and meet the income limits, you may apply. Please call **440-259-3332** or email: perrycenter@outlook.com and leave your phone number and we will return your call or email.

Our hours of operation are: **Tuesdays from 9:00 am to noon and
Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
Other times by appointment.**

Seventy-eight (78) applications were received for Easter baskets this year. Thanks to all who responded to help fill the baskets for the children through age 17, who applied.

We are most grateful to our volunteers and all those businesses, organizations, churches and citizens who are so generous with time and financial assistance. We couldn't help our clients, if you didn't help us. **THANKS A MILLION!**

**Brenda Carr and Carole Martin
Co-Administrator**



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



For all Perry Center clients AND Perry families that have been financially impacted by COVID

WHEN: Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00

WHERE: Manchester West Gymnasium

The Perry Center received an abundance of toys and games for Christmas and we would like to share them with the community. Our Christmas in July event will be a day of fun, games and gifts for **kids up to age 12**.

There will also be a Christmas "shop" with trees, wreaths, lights and hundreds of decorations. Each family will have the opportunity to select decorations to take home at no cost!!

This event is **FREE**, but you must register by email to perrycenter@outlook.com or by calling 440-259-3332. Please leave a message and we will return your call to register your child/children. Registration is limited to the number of toys we have available.

NOTE: We will need **MANY** volunteers on Saturday, July 17th to help with this project. Please call or email the Perry Center and we will be in touch.

The Christmas "shop" will be open to all members of the community at a later date, to be announced.

**Lauren Kowalewski & Carole Martin
Co-chairs**

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A treasure in our community!

Library hours are:
9 AM to 6 PM Monday-Friday
11AM to 4PM on Saturday



Masks are required!

The library offers many things, including:

- Innovative programs for children, teens, and adults
- Homebound delivery to seniors and patrons with disabilities
- Computer access
- Access to databases like:
 - Chilton Library for car repair
 - Ancestry for genealogy
 - Reference USA for business research
- Books, movies, audio books on CD, Playaway audio books, and new technologies

In addition to all this, the library offers fax and copy services, passport services and photos, and technical guidance for using devices such as computers, ipads, iphones, and Kindles.

Perry Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are acceptable.

Visit us at our website www.perrypubliclibrary.org

Larry Reichard
Library Trustee

PERRY TOWNSHIP

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perrytownship-lake.com

Administration & Cemetery Offices:

3740 Center Rd.

259-5140

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**To reach the Cemetery Sexton
call (440) 417-2010**

Zoning Office:

3840 Middle Ridge Rd.

259-1004

Fire District:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Non-Emergency Phone

259-2880

EMERGENCY ONLY - 911

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