



The Perry BULLETIN BOARD

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From the desk of...

We are happy to report that we have received the \$196,000 grant monies from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. These funds were used to complete the lakeshore revetment project at the Township Park. We are very happy with Moderalli Excavating, Inc. and the outcome of the project.

First Energy supplies multiple residents in Perry Township. Most of the power supplied to the Perry community comes through the Quincy Substation. To their credit, First Energy has spent more than one million dollars to update the Quincy system with Smart capacitor banks and 12 new viper reclosers. These upgrades will provide automated trouble shooting and switching to the system which will reduce sustained power interruptions and make momentary corrections in power flow. Previously, the Brecksville Control Center had to identify power interruptions, analyze routing options and then implement a switching solution.

First Energy has advised us our area is scheduled for "on right of way" tree trimming in 2022. This work is performed on a four-year cycle and tree limbs are professionally and systematically trimmed to provide safe clearance for a four-year period. While we might interpret these tree trimming services as mundane, know that as many as 50% of our recent power outages have been pinpointed to on and off right of way tree issues. Our First Energy representatives have requested that our area be trimmed in the first quarter of the new year. You may view First Energy's vegetation management program at www.firstenergycorp.com/trees.

The Township will be receiving a \$375,000 matching grant from the Ohio Public Work Commission this calendar year. Our intentions are to pave (mill and fill) Shepard Road (Lane Road east to the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Tracks). The monies will not be released until July 1, 2022. We plan to be ready to award the project as soon as the award is confirmed. The Lake County Engineers Office is planning to pave Lane Road this year. The County has received Federal Dollars to complete this project.

As you know, the Township has received American Rescue Plan Funds. A large portion of these funds are being used to secure extra police patrol in the Township with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Another approved use of these funds is to enhance outdoor spaces such as parks. The Trustees are currently looking at placing some additional pieces of playground equipment at the Township Park. We are looking at some equipment more specific for the handicap and smaller children to enjoy. The Township is also assisting financially with the Perry Area Joint Recreation District to make improvements to the baseball fields at the Park. These improvements will be enjoyed by many in the community.

From time to time, Perry Township has opportunities for residents to serve on different boards. The openings are generally residents of the Township that are appointed by the Board of Trustees. Some of the Boards included are the Perry Area Joint Recreation Board, the Zoning Commission, Perry Economic Development Council, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Perry Fall Festival. If you would be interested in serving on a Board in the future, please send a letter of interest to the attention of the Perry Township Administrator. We will keep it on file for when such an opening exists.

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. As the winter weather begins, please make sure if you have a fire hydrant on your property to keep it clear. It will make our job easier being able to access the hydrant in case of an emergency. Addresses are also of a concern when responding. Many times, a mail box is used to confirm an address. In the winter months, they may be covered with snow or damaged by plowing. Please try to have an adequate display of your address so the crews can find you.

When using space heaters, be sure you do not go to sleep with them on. Keep them a safe distance away from curtains, furniture and clothing to prevent fire safety issues. If you can, try not to use power strips or surge protectors, instead use a properly rated extension cords.

As always, please call 911 if you have an emergency. If you have questions about any non-emergency issues, please contact us during our office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 5:00 p.m. and we will be happy to help. Please stay safe and have a happy and healthy 2022.

Chief James McDonald



Key fire safety tips Many home fires are preventable



- **Watch your cooking**
Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- **Give space heaters space**
Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Keep matches and lighters out of reach**
Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- **Inspect Electrical cords**
Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections. Same goes for any loose outlets.
- **Be careful when using candles**
Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Have a home fire escape plan**
Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- **Install smoke alarms**
Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- **Test smoke alarms**
Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- **Install sprinklers**
If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.
- **Fire Extinguisher**
Have a fire extinguisher readily accessible.

We at the Perry Joint Fire District hope you and yours had a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Capt. Timothy Sitz

PERRY SENIOR CENTER

~ Life is Beautiful ~

Happy New Year! Make 2022 your best health year. The Perry Senior Center has a full fitness room and exercise classes for the chair bound as well as the fully mobile senior. We offer massages for only \$40.00 an hour, podiatry, health screenings, educational lectures, and socialization to beat the winter blues. Membership runs from January through December and is open to those 55 years of age or older. Cost is \$12.00 annually.

It is never too late to prioritize your health and have the best health year ever.

Center Hours

Monday 8:30am-3:30pm
Monday Evening 6:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday 8:30am-3:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm
Thursday 8:30am-1:00pm
Friday 8:30 - 3:30pm

Zumba Gold

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm
Open to anyone over eighteen

You do not need to become a member to join this class
Cost is \$5.00 per class for non-members and FREE for members`

This class is a low impact dance party designed to work cardio, balance, flexibility, and strength with a Latin flare.

We are once again partnering with Lifeline, Inc. to offer **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** for the 2021 tax season. Please call the Senior Center at 440-259-3772 to make an appointment. This is a no cost program for those that qualify.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE

May 14-22 Garden of the Gods, The Royal Gorge & Colorado Springs – Tour Garden of the Gods, visit US Air Force Academy, Royal Gorge, Historic Manitou Springs, tour Colorado Springs and visit the US Olympic & Paralympic Museum. **Cost \$995pp/dbl occ.**

Sept 25-Oct 1 Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard – Visit Martha's Vineyard, guided tour of Hyannis and Sandwich, along with Provincetown and Chatham, visit the JFK Museum and Sandwich Glass Museum, and finally, gaming at Turning Stone Casino. **Cost \$649pp/dbl occ.**






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

For pricing or more information on any of the above events or trips, call the Perry Senior Center at 440-259-3772

**Christine Znidarsic
Senior Center Director**

TEN REASONS TO PLANT TREES IN YOUR YARD

1. **WINDBREAK:** Instead of putting up snow fence every fall and taking it down every spring, install a natural snow fence of shrubs and shorter trees. Be sure to place it properly so you do not steer drifts to areas you want to keep open.
2. **WILDLIFE:** Consider the needs of animals, especially in the coldest parts of winter. Trees and shrubs that produce berries, fruits, nectar, or nuts will attract birds, squirrels, and many other animals to you! 
3. **PRODUCTS:** What can you get from your tree? Cut branches for flower arrangements, pine or spruce boughs for the holiday season, nuts, fruit, and sap can all be harvested from trees in your yard. Once a tree reaches its lifespan, the wood can be used for anything from firewood to furniture.
4. **EROSION CONTROL:** This is especially important on steep areas. Tree roots are deeper and more substantial than typical lawn grasses and are better at holding soil in place. Planting trees and shrubs along the edge of a ravine also means that the area does not have to be mown right up to the edge.
5. **STORM WATER REDUCTION:** The leaves and needles of the trees will slow down rainwater. Some of the intercepted rain never reaches the ground, decreasing total flow. The rest is slowed down, making it more likely to soak into the ground, and less likely to wash soil into the storm water system. Even if some rain does make it into the storm drain, it has taken much longer to do so.
6. **HEATING AND COOLING BILLS:** Northwesterly winds cause the most heat loss in the winter. Blocking or slowing down the wind can reduce heat loss. In the summer, deciduous trees can shade houses decreasing the need for air conditioning. West and east-facing windows are the most important to shade in the summer. It is best to plant deciduous trees near south-facing windows to let in solar heat in the winter. 
7. **OUTDOOR AIR CONDITIONING:** In addition to providing shade, trees actually move groundwater into the air through transpiration. This water can be considerably cooler than air temperature and decrease local temperatures by a few degrees.
8. **AIR QUALITY:** Trees move nitrogen dioxide (NO), sulfur dioxide (SO), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone, and particular matter through the air. These compounds are linked to poor air quality, acid rain, and respiratory problems in some people.
9. **SOUND REDUCTION:** Similar to windbreak, trees can be used to deflect sound waves from nearby traffic. Be sure to pick a tree that keeps its leaves or needles all winter, evergreens in multiple rows are the best at blocking noise.
10. **AESTHETICS:** Trees are good for you! Studies have shown that hospital patients with a view of trees recover more quickly. Trees can also improve a person's mood and help them to relax. 

THE PERRY CENTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR from The Perry Center, your local food pantry. As we say goodbye to 2021, we look forward to a better, more prosperous 2022. We, again, remind our clients that we are here to serve you...once every 30 days for food and every Friday for produce. If you are not a client and in need of assistance, and you live in Perry, work in Perry or worship in Perry, please call 440/259-3332 and we will sign you up.

Hours of service: Tuesdays from 9:00 am to noon and
Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
Other times available by appointment

This was a busy quarter for us at The Perry Center. We gave out 53 turkeys for **Thanksgiving** and included such items as sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy and cranberry sauce for their holiday dinner.

We, also, signed up 11 new households which included 3 seniors, 12 children and 16 adults.

Christmas at The Perry Center this year was very busy. We served 86 households consisting of 102 children, 155 adults and 34 seniors. Of the 102 children who applied for Christmas assistance, 71 were "adopted" by 23 organizations and/or individuals, 16 participated in the Sheetz program and 15 were presented gifts from The Perry Center and The Knights of Columbus. Generous donations from our community enabled us to provide a \$25.00 gift card to all adults who applied. Each household also received a box of food and a ham.



We have several **Perry Service Learning (PSL)** students volunteering in the pantry and clothing room. We certainly appreciate their help. We continue to purchase food for the **Pirate Power Pack** weekend food program. New this quarter, is our assistance with the after school tutoring program "Pirate Academy" at Perry Middle School. We purchase snacks for the 15 students who participate.

We want to **thank** all who volunteered, local gardeners who donated produce, and all who donated money and/or provided gifts for our clients. Thanks, also, to Rideout's IGA, West Orchard and Farm Market and the Perry School Maintenance Department. We appreciate the assistance we get from all of you. We could not function without **YOU!**



Thriving Threads clothing room has several new volunteers. Samantha Ferrell and her crew are doing a great job. The clothing room is in **need** of freshly **laundered and mended clothing**. Also, they are always in need of hangers of all kinds. Clothing can be dropped off during our hours of operation (shown above). If these hours are not good for you, please call 440/259-3332 and leave a message. Someone will call and arrange for a time convenient for you.

Easter this year is Sunday, April 17th. Clients, please watch your mail for Easter applications. If you are not currently a client and need assistance, please call us and we will get you signed up.

Carole Martin and Brenda Carr
Co-Administrators

THE PERRY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

While COVID-19 continued to disrupt this past year, our hearts remained full as we saw how local organizations stepped forward to support and help families in Perry during these unprecedented times. Despite the cancellation of our infamous annual fundraiser (the Bunny Lunch) due to the pandemic, we were still able to find ways to promote the welfare and development of the Perry community and its citizens. With the money raised from prior fundraising efforts, we were fortunate to again be able to award a \$500 scholarship this past May to a deserving high school senior who exemplified service to our community. In December, the Perry Center provided the PWL with names and Christmas "wish lists" for 6 Perry children so that PWL members could purchase items for these 'adopted' families to help make their Christmas a bit more special. It was an uplifting experience to assist in the clean up of a few senior citizen yards during the annual Green Day event that is held the last Saturday of April each year.

The Perry Women's League is able to support these programs in large part because of the support of our community. Whether you are someone who attends our annual Bunny Lunch or a local business that donates items to help with fundraising, you all have a hand in our ability to serve others. Thank you for your continued support each year!

We look forward to 2022 with the continuation of

our current board members leading the way: President Theresa Wetzel, Vice President Cheryl Evanchick, Secretary Carrie Scales, and Treasurer Mary Strahan. The PWL board wants to sincerely thank our long-standing members and we are thrilled to welcome some new members this past year! We welcome anyone who is looking for a way to give back to our community to join us. Contact us to learn more or stop by one of our meetings, held quarterly on the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October at 7 p.m. at the Perry Public Library.



Mark your calendar for our Bunny Lunch event that is currently set for Saturday, April 9, 2022!

Please visit us on our website: www.perry-lake.org/PerryWomensLeague.aspx or follow us on Facebook (The Perry Women's League). You can also write/email perrywomensleague@hotmail.com

Again, thank you to all who have so generously supported our community. On behalf of the Perry Women's League, we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carrie Scales

PERRY CEMETERY



Winter is here and in the cemetery, it can be tricky. Drifting happens quickly and can make navigating the drives a challenge. Waiting until the Road Department has a chance to clear the drives is always the best bet. The other big challenge is the wind. If you place items at graves, make sure they're anchored well and will stay where you place them.

We recently poured foundations in November. We will be pouring again in late April or early May as soon as the weather cooperates and as work schedule allows. Our main objective is to get everyone's monuments placed by Memorial Day. If we receive orders from the monument companies by April 15th, we should be able to accomplish this.

As always, if you have questions about the cemeteries or we can help you in any way, please call the Township Office and ask for Jen Taylor, Karen or myself. If you'd like to reach me directly, please call my cell phone 440-417-2010.

**Michele Woltman
Sexton**

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF



Proud to Serve Perry Township

All of us here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Trustees and residents of Perry Twp. for their tremendous support. We are excited to be back on routine patrols here. It is an honor to serve in such an outstanding community.

The rise in crime reflected in our cities is beginning to move far out into the suburbs across our nation. My 33 years in law enforcement has made clear criminals look for weakness and opportunity and will travel great distances to capitalize on it. While technology has greatly improved the strength and efficiency of police, I have yet to see a laptop chase down a criminal, or a camera stop a break-in. The one of the most valuable assets to a community is proactive law enforcement officers visible on the street. It builds a safe neighborhood, encourages business investment, and promotes strong community. Our Sheriff's Office will make clear criminals are not welcome in Perry Twp., and we will hold accountable those who violate its laws.

We want to keep you informed of our activities in Perry, around Lake County, security issues and recommendations. You can see our daily posts on our Facebook and on our Free Sheriff's Phone App (Lake Co. OH Sheriff). If you have questions or concerns, please call us at (440)350-5517 or email us at sheriffwebmaster@lakecountyohio.gov.

Thanks again to everyone for making us a part of your community.

Sheriff Frank Leonbruno

PERRY AREA JOINT RECREATION

Thanks to all for your help with the Fall Festival and Fall Youth Sports! (Fall Soccer, Travel Soccer, Fall Volleyball)

Winter Sports are in session and going well. We have 7 Travel Basketball teams and 15 Rec Basketball teams. Please stay alert for announcements on our website www.perryrec.com as we still have the ever changing Covid issues. We are doing our best to keep all players, coaches, and fans safe and still have winter sports be fun and exciting for all Perry youth.

Registration will open for spring sports in mid to late January.

Perry Spring Volleyball

Perry Spring Softball

Perry Spring Baseball

Perry Spring travel Soccer



Also, Attention Perry Travel Baseball families:

Keep an Eye on the Website for your registration page to open. A message will also be sent out.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and New Year. Again, Thanks for all your help with Perry Youth Athletics.

Michael T. Smith
PAJRD Director

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are happy to announce that we now have a fine free policy on most items! Exceptions are Hotspots, Library of Things items, and items that belong to other libraries. Fines will still accumulate if items are overdue but will be removed from your account when the items are returned. Items that are lost or damaged are still subject to fines.

We are happy to continue distributing free rapid COVID-19 test kits from the Ohio Department of Health. Please remember to call 259-3300 or check our website at www.PerryPublicLibrary.org for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the test kits. When picking up the kits, please use the drive-up window only and please wear a mask.

Please keep in mind that programs/services could change due to COVID-19 conditions. Stay in the loop by checking our website or following us on Facebook!

Save the date!

Spring Book Sale:

The Friends of the Perry Public Library will hold their Spring Book Sale the **week of April 4-9.**

Peeps Diorama Contest:

Create a fun display using Peeps. Dioramas are due by **April 8,** with voting the following week. All ages can enter!

Winter Reading Olympics:

Pick up a form at the circulation desk! **February 1- February 29,** all ages



Emily Skunda

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