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From the desk of...

The Yard Waste drop-off facility has **re-opened** as of **Saturday, April 2nd**. 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 Trash Drop-Off will be held on **Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the Webb Road Service Garage located at 4720 Webb Road. As in the past, Service Department employees will be there to help unload. ID's will be checked. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for details.

We are looking forward to the Perry Township Summer Concert Series in July. **The concerts will begin Wednesday, July 6th and run through Wednesday, August 17th 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. Plan to bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us for these concerts. Concessions are available for purchase at Break by the Lake.

We are very excited to welcome **Pat Freeman** as our new Township Zoning Inspector. Pat is a Perry Township resident and comes to us with an extensive management background with skills in the area of communications, customer service and with strong abilities to analyze and assess situations. Pat started with the Township on February 21, 2022. His office will be located in the Township Administration Office and will be available as needed and by appointment. Pat will take over these duties from Wally Siegel, whose contract as Zoning Inspector expired on 12/31/21. **We thank Wally for his extensive service to the Township.**

The **Lake County Engineers** will be paving **Lane Road** beginning late spring/early summer. This project will last until September. This construction will include widening Lane Road a total of three feet (1.5 feet on each side) from US Route 84 and ending at US Route 20. In addition to the resurfacing, a culvert between the CSX tracks and Hale Road will be repaired. This repair will require Lane Road to be closed to through traffic for approximately two months (between Timber Ridge Trail and Hale Road). The Engineer will have changeable message boards to advise of the closing one week prior to the road closure. The remaining portions of the project will have flaggers to maintain traffic. Please be patient during this construction.

The Township will be paving **Shepard Road** this summer. This work will begin sometime after July 1st. We will be receiving a \$375,000 matching grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to complete this project.

The Board of Lake County Commissioners and the Department of Utilities have established a program for Lake County Senior Citizens to offer them water and sewer discounts of 25%. The eligibility requirements are as follows: Must be 65 years old, must be a Lake County Department of Utilities Customer, must own and occupy the property and must meet the income qualifier established by the Ohio Homestead Exemption (for 2022 currently \$34,200). Applications can be obtained online at www.lakecountyohio.gov/utilities or by calling the Billing and Customer Service Office at 440-350-2070.

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Spring is officially here and it is so nice to see longer days and warmer temperatures! The pandemic has been so hard on everyone in so many ways. So, let's all get outside and let the sun warm our faces and hearts. A great place to do this is at the upcoming ***Perry Memorial Day Celebration***. After we pay our respects to the brave men and women who have served this country, the Perry Historical Society invites you to tour the museum before and after the parade and ceremony to learn more about the many valiant service members of our community.

At this time our workroom hours will vary, but research archive access will be available upon request. Please call ***Carolyn Coatoam*** at 440-413-4126 to schedule an appointment. The museum will be open starting in April on the second Saturday of each month from 12 PM to 2 PM and tours may be scheduled by calling ***Linda Barrett*** at 440- 259-5747. The organization is always in need of new members to keep the organization up and running. We can always use your talents whatever they may be, or just come to join in the fellowship.

Mary Platko and our volunteers had worked so diligently to record and preserve Perry's history by interviews, news stories, and pictures of our quaint hometown, and I've spent several years now reading her publications. The volumes of files and pictures both she and our community have contributed are astounding! Much of our recorded history comes from our large collection of journals, notes, recordings, and verbal communication. Story telling around a warm fire on a cold winter's night was a commonplace occurrence for our ancestors and we have been able to preserve so many of their thoughts, tales, photographs and contributions to our Perry history in our research library.

Going forward, we would like to share a few excerpts from Mary's vast collection of articles and write more memories of our amazing community. We want to hear from our Perry citizens! Hear more stories, see more photographs, collect more journals and written materials, and continue to preserve fascinating facts about Perry!

Linda Barrett
Curator Perry Historical Society Museum

PERRY VILLAGE NEWS



Spring is finally here, looking forward to some warm weather. Here are some updates that will be happening this year:

The Storm water project on Harper Street will finish up this spring. We are working with the county on obtaining quotes for Whistlewood and Castlewood repaving project. Also, OPWC grants will be due again this year. The grants will be for 2nd phase Storm water project on Thompson St. and resurfacing on Green Street. If we are successful in obtaining these grants, work on these projects will begin in 2023. The sidewalk replacement project will continue this year, we have applied for some grants for these projects. Activities this spring include Fishing Derby at Lee Lydic Park June 4 at 10 am for ages 14 and under. The Community Garden will be available again this year, deadline is May 6th, applications are available at the Perry Village Website www.perryvillageohio.com, under parks. The playground equipment is scheduled for repair in April. Hope you have a safe and fun spring.

Mayor Jim Gessic

AMERICAN LEGION

Perry Memorial Day Activities



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

Schedule of events for Memorial Day 2022

- 9:00 am - Townline Park (near the shoreline): Ceremony to honor those lost at sea (~15 minutes)
- 9:30 am - Perry Cemetery (Center Road): Ceremony to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country (~20minutes).
- 11:00 am - Parade steps off at Harper Street, marching along Main Street to the Perry Historical Museum.
- 11:40 am - Perry Historical Museum: Veterans deceased and living as well as those currently serving on active duty, in the reserves and the National Guard.

Please join us at one or more of these ceremonies as we remember and honor our Veterans.

Watch for additional information and updates to this schedule on the Perry Township website: <http://perrytownship-lake.com>

Veteran Services & VA Death Benefits

Reduce stress on your family

Learn about YOUR Veteran Death Benefits now

CHOOSE how you want to be remembered

Veterans are invited to join us at the Perry Community/Senior center 2800 Perry Park Road on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm**. Bring your spouse and any family member who might be involved in handling your affairs after your passing. The seminar will cover:

- VA Death benefits: including military honors at your funeral, burial allowances, and gravesite military headstone/marker options. Most importantly, you will learn how you and your survivors can receive assistance from the Lake County Veterans Service Commission.
- VA Benefits and assistance available in Lake County. **A speaker from the Lake County Veterans Service Commission will be available to discuss benefits** available to Lake County Veterans today.
- Questions are encouraged!

The seminar is hosted by American Legion, Perry Post 697.

Attendance is limited- **RSVP at the Perry Senior Center or by calling the Center at 440-259-3772.**

The seminar is **FREE** and you don't have to be a member of the Senior Center to attend.

Additional sessions will be available later in the year.

Refreshments will be served!

Tom Anderson
American Legion, Perry Post 697

PERRY CEMETERIES



We have started to do our spring cleanups and restorations in the cemeteries. The Service Department has already started grading driveways and disposing of decorations that lost their battles with the wind. We would appreciate it if Christmas decorations can be removed by April 30th.

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.

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. Please remember that planting in stone line must be within 12" of headstone. 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 if I can be of help, please call me anytime at 440-417-2010.

**Michele Woltman
Sexton**

STORM WATER

WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

In open fields, forests and wetlands, most rain is absorbed by the soil or taken up by plants and trees. In developed areas, rain or snow that falls on impermeable roofs, parking lots, streets and lawns is not absorbed. This precipitation (called storm water or storm water runoff) enters local water bodies through storm sewer systems.



WHAT IS STORM WATER POLLUTION?

According to U.S. EPA's National Water Quality Inventory, polluted storm water runoff is a leading cause of impairment to U.S. water bodies that do not meet water quality standards- nearly 40 percent of those surveyed. This discharge can destroy fish, wildlife and aquatic life habitats; lessen aesthetic value; and threaten public health with contaminated food, drinking water supplies and recreational waterways.

Unlike pollution from sewage treatment plants, storm water pollution comes from many different sources. Storm water runoff can dissolve, pick up and transport many types of household products that cause this pollution. Automotive waste, lawn chemicals, paints and eroded soil are all pollutants. Many types of litter can create storm water pollution as well.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Never allow any chemicals, yard wastes or any other materials to be washed down or put into storm drains. These drains may bypass the wastewater treatment plant and go directly to lakes or rivers.
 - Never allow roof gutters to drain directly to the street or storm sewer. Allow drainage from the roof to flow over your lawn instead.
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LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF



Can you explain why the Lake County Sheriff's Office believes it is the "Guardian of Society's Laws" as it says in your Mission Statement?

Our Mission Statement says "*As the guardians of society's laws, we ensure the highest quality of life, safety and security for all people while responding to the public's needs in a caring, courteous and professional manner.*" A great deal of thought went into developing this statement because it is the very foundation of why we exist and what we are required to do by our oath of office.

The statement we are the *guardians of society's laws* goes back to a time before the founding of our nation. European kings were enthroned under the belief that they were appointed by God, a concept supported by the English philosopher Thomas Hobbes. It was the belief that no one had the right to question the decisions of the King and no one had the right to overthrow him because of his appointment by God.

John Locke, the great English philosopher writing around 1700, said that it was not the people's responsibility to serve the government, but rather that government must be answerable to the people. He called it the "social contract" where government must guarantee life, liberty and happiness to all people. When government, i.e. the King, no longer served the people, it was the right of the people to overthrow the King. Central to his thinking was there must be laws which people must answer to, enforced by a limited government. People must give up a small portion of their rights answering to such laws, so they might enjoy their vast amount of freedoms to insure life, liberty and happiness.

You might recognize his words because they are in our Declaration of Independence. Our founding fathers read John Locke, believed in the concept of the social contract, and declared our nation's independence based on those beliefs. Our Country is based on laws designed to insure life, liberty and happiness. Our citizens entrust law enforcement to enforce those laws in a caring, courteous and professional manner.

Our mission as a Sheriff's Office is not to make law, nor to pick and choose what laws we think are best to enforce. We are charged with enforcing all of the laws created by the people through their legislators. We must do so in a caring, courteous and professional manner. If necessary we bring to justice those who violate the law, who endanger the safety and security of our community. But most importantly, we are there for our community when it is in need, in times of their own personal crisis.

When we fail to do these things, we fail the trust of the community. We endanger their trust in their government to ensure the highest quality of life, safety and security for all people. It is a tremendous responsibility but one we accept with great pride for our part in making our community, our nation a success.

Our Sheriff's Office phone app, a free download to any cell phone, is our instant connection with our community. There you see alerts, get our news releases instantly, get information about our Sheriff's Office, a way you can report crime, and an easy way to express your concerns about how we are doing. You can get the **free app** by going to your app store and searching **Lake County Sheriff OH**. As always you can get information on our Facebook page or on our Sheriff's website.

As Sheriff, my job, and the promise of every member of our Sheriff's Office, is to be as transparent to our community as possible so that your trust in our work throughout the community is strengthened. Lake County is a tremendous place to call home and we are proud to be your Sheriff's Office.

Frank Leonbruno
Sheriff of Lake County

Perry Township Park 2022 Summer Concerts

Every Wednesday, July 6th - August 17th
7:00-9:00 P.M.

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

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| July 6th | Good Question
Music from the 50's to present day |
| July 13th | Risk Factor
Dance able/Singable hits from the 70's to today |
| July 20th | Thunder Creek
Variety of music from Rock & Roll to Country |
| July 27th | Swamp Rattlers
Blues, Rock, Americana |
| August 3rd | Andy's Last Band
Classic Rock |
| August 10th | Castaways
50's, 60's, Rock & Motown |
| August 17th | Stratford Hill
70's & 80's Light Rock Band |



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

PERRY TOWNSHIP SPRING TRASH DROP-OFF

Saturday, April 30th
8:00 am - 1:00 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)
No containers or boxes over 50 pounds
3. Unacceptable items: batteries, leaves, brush, yard waste, hazardous materials, liquid paint, dead animals, propane tanks, gas tanks & regular household garbage.
4. No engine blocks or heavy automobile parts
5. Items such as shingles, plasterboard, etc. must be boxed or in a container.
6. Items containing freon will **NOT** be collected.
7. **NO TIRES WILL BE COLLECTED**
8. Service Department employees will be there to assist with unloading.

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



Spring is finally here!! Please join us for our annual Pancake breakfast. This year, we will be returning to in person!! We look forward to you joining us on Sunday, April 24th at Station #1, 3742 Center Rd from 9:00 – 1:00. Once again, the breakfast is free with donations accepted. We hope to see you there!

I would like to announce that I will be retiring effective June 3, 2022. I have enjoyed being a part of and serving such a wonderful community. I have been involved with many committees, met some wonderful colleagues and also made many good friends. I would also like to congratulate Lt. Dominic Chiappone, who will be taking over the position of Fire Chief also effective on June 3, 2022. Please join me in welcoming Lt. Chiappone to the District.

Chief James McDonald

As you transition from sweaters to shorts, stoves to grills and indoor holiday parties to backyard cookouts, keep these safety tips in mind.

Springtime is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms provide critical early warning of a fire in your home.

The Perry Joint Fire District cares about your safety and we want to make sure that you have options if a fire occurs in your home. Fire extinguishers are relatively inexpensive and may mean the difference between a small fire and the destruction of your home. However, it is important to recognize that a fire extinguisher has limitations and should only be used on a small fire. Since fires grow and spread rapidly, you should immediately call 911 get everyone out of the home and only fight the fire if it is small.

Take advantage of the spring weather to review and practice your fire safety plan so that everyone can

react accordingly in the event of a fire in your home. Research has shown you may have less than two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. "Make a Plan" and "practice the plan."

With warmer nights, there is an increase in outdoor grilling and gatherings around camp fires. Keeping your grill at least 10 feet from your home is a great way to prevent a grill fire from becoming a house fire. Before lighting your recreational camp fire, fill a bucket with water and set it next to the fire ring just in case. Keep in mind that children are drawn to the outdoor fires, especially with the promise of s'mores. Keep a close eye on children when they are near the fire and do not leave them unattended.

Remember have a safe and enjoyable Spring.

Captain Timothy Sitz

Please be advised, if residents/non-residents would like a CPR class, please let us know if you need "Heartsaver" or BLS (basic life support). We also require at least 3 people to take a class. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please contact Station #1, 440-259-2880 from 8-5 Monday through Friday to inquire about a class.

Lt. Patrick Fuerst

While spring cleaning allows you to get your home in order, you should also focus on tasks that improve your home's safety. Fires can occur when you least expect them, but you can prevent them by following these safety guidelines for your spring cleaning routine:

Outside and around the yard:

- Make sure your address numbers are visible from the street.
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses.
- Check open burning laws prior to burning
- Check outlets and other electrical appliances.

- Get your BBQ grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.

In the garage or shed:

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool, and yard chemicals.
- Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.
- Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced, and ready for use.

John Cumberledge
Public Education Coordinator

PERRY SENIOR CENTER

~Life is Beautiful~



Friday, May 6, 2022

5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Perry Senior/Community Center
2800 Perry Park Road

\$10 PER PERSON \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 10

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center or at the door until sold out!

For more information call the Senior Center at 440-259-3772
Do not miss the door prizes, 50/50 raffle &
Reverse Raffle Boards!

Save the Date

Senior/Community Center **Garage Sale** - Thursday, July 21 9am-3pm
Senior/Community Center **Craft Fair & Auction** - Saturday, October 8 9am-3pm

Zumba Gold

Monday Evenings at 6:30pm

Open to anyone over eighteen.

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.

TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE

May 11 Great Lakes Theater presents **39 Steps** -Cost \$30pp
May 17 **Ohio's French Countryside** - Cost \$99pp
June 9 **Summer in Ohio's Amish Country** - Cost \$89pp
June 16 State Theater presents **My Fair Lady** - Cost \$77.50pp
July 13 JKL presents **Summer Surprise Mystery Trip # 2** - Cost \$89pp
July 28 State Theater presents **Ain't Too Proud** - Cost \$62.50pp plus bus
Sept. 4 Great Lakes Theater presents **Frozen** - Cost \$117.50pp no transportation
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 ensure 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**

TOWNSHIP PARK NEWS

We are happy to report that Park Manager Charlotte Kline has agreed to stay on another season!!!



As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, the Township has received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. A portion of these dollars are being used to upgrade the baseball/softball infields and dugouts that are primarily used by the Perry Area Joint Recreation District. We also purchased a handful of new pieces of playground equipment at the park. Some of the equipment includes an ADA Accessible single swing with platform, a mommy & baby type swing, 2 sit 'n' spins and curved post pebble bridge. This equipment has been ordered and most of it has an 8-10 week lead time. Our hopes are to get this equipment installed by the 4th of July.

Weather permitting, we also plan to have the boat dock installed by the end of the first week in May.

Nancy Steele, Trustee

PERRY AREA JOINT RECREATION

Thanks to all for your help with Winter Youth sports! The basketball season went very well both with Rec and Travel.

Spring sports are in session and going well. We have 7 volleyball teams and 30 Rec Lil Volleyball stars athletes. Please stay alert for announcements on our website www.perryrec.com. We are doing our best to keep all players, coaches, and fans safe and still have our spring sports be fun and exciting for all Perry Youth.



Registration is now closed for spring sports. Spring sports consist of :

Perry Spring Softball, Perry Spring Baseball, Perry Spring Travel Soccer, Perry Spring Volleyball and Lil Volleyball Stars.



I want to give a huge **THANK YOU** to our Township Trustees, Maintenance Department, Major Waste and My Family Dentist, with their help in refurbishing our Baseball Fields. This is a huge project. We have built 2 brand new storage sheds, we are repairing and replacing fencing on our softball fields and adding infield dirt to **ALL** of our fields. We are also re-lining and installing new bases so our fields can be set up for many different age levels. Please be patient as weather plays a big role in the field work. If you see our Township, Village or North Perry maintenance guys, feel free to thank them for all they do.

Michael T. Smith
PAJRD Director

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please register for programs at PerryPublicLibrary.org or by calling 259-3300. Summer Program Registration starts Monday, May 16.

Family Story Times -Tuesdays at 11:00 am, June 7-July26. Families with Children 5 years and younger. We'll read stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and just have fun. July 19th Story Time will be at Lake Farmpark (free to Lake County residents)

Black Royalty Reading Adventure Story Time -Thursday, June 16th at 11:00am. Story read by a Princess! Partnership with BLM Lake County to celebrate Juneteenth. All ages welcome

K-5 Programs- Wednesdays at 11:00 am, June 8-July 20. For Children going into grades K-5 in fall 2022. We'll make crafts, have a visit from a mermaid, get crazy with bubbles and Floam, and so much more!

2022 Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities!- June through July, Raffle tickets are earned for prize drawings at the end of summer reading.

Tech Guidance with Scott- Learn computer basics with us using Northstar Digital Literacy. Schedule a tech 1-on-1 for specific help with your device. Check website and library newsletter for more tech programs!

Lake County Free Clinic- In the library May 9th and 23rd from 9:30-2:30. Here to help with Medicaid questions and applications. Offer information about services provided by the clinic.

Spring Basket Raffle- Tickets on sale May 1-31. Tickets can be purchased at Circulation Desk, 2/\$1. Winners will be notified June 1.

Beginner Friendly Yoga with Jorja- Chair Yoga: June 4 at 1:00pm. Yoga for Functional Mobility: July 2 at 1:00 pm. Gentle Stretching: August 6 at 1:00 pm. Please bring your own towel or mat.



Stay up to date with programs and more by checking out our website www.PerryPublicLibrary.org or following us on Facebook [@PerryPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PerryPublicLibrary).

Emily Skunda

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259-5140

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call (440) 417-2010

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259-5140

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