



The Perry BULLETIN BOARD

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From the desk of..

Just a reminder that our Yard Waste drop-off facility will be closing the last Saturday in November, November 25th. Until then, the hours will remain the same, Wednesdays from noon- 3 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. This facility will only accept residential drop-offs, no commercial haulers or landscapers. Please remember that we no longer accept tires.

We had another successful concert series. The 2023 sponsors included: **Dawson & Son Construction, LLC, Townsend Machine, Vonarbor Tree Services, CS Packaging, E. Dake Plumbing & Heating, My Family Dentist, North Ridge Mini Storage, Painesville Credit Union, Pollutro Rossley Insurance, Starr's Cars & Trucks, Perry Village Pub, Xpress Printing Services, DK Heating & Sons, Inc., McCallister's Landscaping & Supply, Amos Insurance, Biggy Coffee and Midwest Materials.** Thanks to these sponsors we are able to host this concert series free of charge to the residents.

We had great response to our **Hometown Hero Banner Program** we initiated this year. We sold a total of 66 banners, 19 were placed in North Perry Village and the remainder are located in the Township and Village. We have posted the banners on the Township website. This is another way for residents to view and honor the veterans. Check out our website at www.perrytownship-lake.com. The banners will be removed after Veterans Day and stored until they will be re-hung by Memorial Day. If you are interested in purchasing a banner for the next year, please watch for details to follow. We plan to have information/order forms available in November.

We will be hosting a **Shred-it Event** on **Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 am - Noon** at the Perry Township Administration Office, 3740 Center Road. Residents from North Perry Village, Perry Village and Perry Township are all invited to participate. We will be checking ID's for proof of residency. Staff will be on hand to help unload your vehicle.

As the snowy days of Northeast Ohio approach, please be aware of the snow plows on your streets. If cars are parked in the streets or especially the cul-de-sacs, the plows cannot do a good job of completely plowing the streets. Please slow down when you see plow trucks on your road! Township snow plows typically travel 25-30 miles an hour (depending upon the road conditions) so slow your speed accordingly. Be patient, remember that the safest road surfaces will be behind the plow and not in front of it (resist the temptation to pass unnecessarily).

Karen Sundy, Administrator

PERRY TOWNSHIP, PERRY VILLAGE & NORTH PERRY VILLAGE



TRICK OR TREAT
Tuesday, October 31st
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Our Administrator Excels!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our community is extremely fortunate to have **Karen Sundy** as our administrator. It is a demanding job that requires someone to juggle many different balls every day - many could not handle the stress that comes with the job - Karen does it well while being an outstanding “face” of our community throughout not only the county but the state as well.

Demonstrating her commitment to continue to hone her leadership skills, Karen is one of only 500 people to complete the Ohio Township Leadership Academy accomplishing this several years ago.

Now, based on a demanding 13 month schedule, Karen is one of only 17 people in Ohio to complete and be part of the inaugural Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy 2.0 class. Many topics were covered during these sessions all designed to help the student develop many skills to better serve their community.

We thank Karen for her dedication to her job and commitment to continue to grow as a professional.

Congratulations Karen! Also hats off to Amy Lucci, Concord Township Trustee for completing this course as well.



Rick Amos
Perry Township Trustee Chairman

ZONING

It is hard to believe Fall is here already. Summer was active with many new homes, fences, accessory structures, and pools going in throughout the Township. The Township has also been busy with various inquiries into new businesses possibly coming in and the new phase of Azalea Ridge opening up. There are 3 new homes already started in the new phase.

We are glad to report that the Township Zoning Department had a relatively low number of complaints this year regarding junk cars, yard trash and overgrowth. When we all care for our property, the Township and all its residents benefit. As a reminder, please make sure yards are cleared before the snow flies, so in the spring, we can all enjoy the new blooms and sunshine after winter.



The Zoning Department will be spending the fall/winter months reviewing the Zoning Resolution and will work with the Zoning Commission and Township Trustees on any changes, updates and additions which may be needed. Zoning information is online at <https://www.perrytownship-lake.com/zoning>

We hope everyone enjoys the fall colors and plenty of apple and pumpkin pies!

Pat Freeman
Zoning

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF



Increased Deputies Patrolling Perry Township Makes Big Impact on Crime Reduction

A common question asked is whether increased policing in Perry Township as a result of the COPS Grant has made a marked difference in terms of safety in the community? The simple answer is yes.

Since September of 2021 when the Perry Township Trustees added four (4) deputies to conduct routine patrols under the grant, the number of traffic stops for traffic enforcement has doubled. Prior to the grant, January 2018 – August 2021, traffic stops averaged 16-20 per month. After the grant, September 2021 – August 2023, they increased to 110 per month, which is 5 times the amount. This traffic enforcement has cut the number of accidents in half per month and doubled the number of persons being arrested for driving under the influence and with suspended licenses in Perry Township. Historically, the Sheriff's Office has received many traffic complaints in Perry Township but we have been unable to respond due to insufficient numbers on shift. With the newly approved Deputies patrolling Perry Township we can address not only speeding on Route 20, but people running stop signs at Call Rd. and Middle Ridge, and through other neighborhoods as well.

Recently the Lake County Prosecutor reflected that 47% of all felonies, major crimes, in Lake County are committed by persons outside of Lake County. Route 2 and Interstate 90 are major freeways providing quick access to neighboring counties. The modernized Vrooman Road bridge and Route 20 give quick access from 90 and 2 directly into Perry Township. Criminals look for easy and quick access to their victims to burglarize homes, sell drugs, steal cars and prey on unsuspecting victims. And these are criminals who fear being caught for their crimes in Lake County because they know they will go to jail and will not be quickly released as in our major cities today. Imagine how much higher the crime rate if they were not afraid of being caught.

It is important to note that an active and visible presence of Sheriff's Deputies throughout Perry Township reduces crime, makes an impact on high speed traffic, discourages criminals looking for easy targets, and promotes safe environments for successful business. The absence of crime should never be mistaken for the absence of criminals. There are more criminals coming in and out of our Lake County communities than ever before, certainly the most I have seen in my 35 years with the Sheriff's Office, and Perry Township is no exception.

Crime is curtailed by a strong police presence, a strong Prosecutor's Office willing to bring their cases before the courts with well investigated cases, and a strong judiciary willing to provide fair trials and impose strong penalties upon offenders if a guilty verdict is rendered. Fortunately, we have all three aspects in Lake County which makes this such a strong place to raise a family, build your home and grow your business.

All of us at the Lake County Sheriff's Office are proud to serve the citizens of Perry Township and to be an active part in helping to provide a safe community for you and your family.

Sheriff Frank Leonbruno

AMERICAN LEGION



Buckeye Boys and Girls State 2023 – American Legion Post 697 hosted a reception for the six Perry High School students who attended the Buckeye Boys and Girls State programs earlier this summer. **Grace Mechenbeier, Ivonne Silva Torres, Garrett Rupert, Scott Cousineau, Audrey Pealer and Jack Knisely** shared their experiences with their families and the donors. These students served in key roles including Director of the State Office of Budget and Management (OBM), Chairman of the County Caucus, County Treasurer, City Auditor, Prosecuting Attorney, City Police Chief and Historian. Our PHS students participated alongside the brightest students from around the state of Ohio. They did an outstanding job and we are extremely proud of them. We would like to extend a special thank you to our donors: Perry AMVETS Post 1971, Perry Village, Perry High School and the Perry Historical Society.

Attention Perry High School Class of 2025: We are looking for motivated leaders to attend Buckeye Boys and Buckeye Girls State in June 2024. Buckeye Boys State is sponsored by the American Legion and will be held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio from June 9-16, 2024. Buckeye Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and will be held at Bowling Green State University from June 9-15, 2024. These programs provide a “hands on” experience where you serve in leadership positions and govern a fictitious 51st state. You will run for elected offices, serve in staff positions, on boards and in a variety of other government offices at the State, County and City government levels. I suggest you speak with one or more of the six seniors who attended this summer to learn more about the program. Additional information and applications are available through your School Guidance Counselors.

Tom Anderson
Boys/Girls State Chairman

Missing in Action (MIA) Memorial

Perry America Legion Post 697 is building a memorial to raise awareness and to honor the service of those brave military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and remain Missing in Action (MIA). After evaluating various options, the decision was made to build the memorial in front of the flagpole located outside the Perry Historical Museum. This location is more visible to residents and others who pass through our patriotic community.

You have the unique opportunity to sponsor key pieces of this perpetual memorial. Please consider sponsoring, as group or individual, an MIA, a granite bench or one of the granite service pillars. The memorial will consist of a mix of 4"x8" and 8"x8" clay pavers, six black granite benches and 30 inch wide black granite pillars - representing each of the six military service branches. You can sponsor an MIA with a 4"x8" paver engraved with his or her information for a \$150 donation. As a keepsake, you will receive a set of "dog tags" engraved with the MIA's information.



We need your financial support. Additional information will be available shortly. Feel free to contact us by email at: perryalpost697@gmail.com, or mail questions to American Legion, Perry Post 697, P.O. Box 215, Perry, Ohio 44081, or call or text Tom Anderson at 330-352-5378 or Mark Woltman at 440-417-2011.

Thank you for considering a donation to honor these fallen heroes.

We cannot do this without your support.

Tom Anderson
American Legion, Perry Post 697

POLICE LEVY INFORMATION

The Perry Township Trustees have placed a Police Levy on the upcoming November 7th election ballot.

This article contains information about the levy and the reasons that the Trustees placed this levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot. This Police Levy will be a 3.25 mill levy that is scheduled to raise \$673,000 per year for five (5) years. The levy will cost township residents \$114 per year per \$100,000 of valuation per year and will fund a contract with the Lake County Sheriff's Department to provide Perry Township nearly 24/7/365 coverage.

This is the exact amount of monies needed to fund the policing contract with the same level of staffing we have currently. Our current policing has been funded 100% by a combination of Federal Rescue Act Funds and the County's matching COPS grant. That arrangement is set to expire at the end of 2023. The Lake County Commissioner as part of the County matching COPS grant make it a condition for receiving those funds that the Township has to place a levy in front of the voters to determine their desire to continue to fund policing locally, when the matching funds run out. Painesville Township and Concord Township have the same situations and they also will have a police levy on their ballots. Those communities have significantly larger populations than Perry Township and will be looking to raise substantially

more money, but at a lower millage, due to their larger tax bases.

Over the past two years, ongoing reports from Perry Township's policing activities have demonstrated the need for this police protection. For example, traffic stops designed for courtesy warnings, have frequently led to the discovery of more serious offenses including alcohol and drug activity. In a recent month, police were able to quickly apprehend a resident with an automatic weapon and nearly 200 rounds of ammunition, who had walked onto a very busy establishment on US RT20. Police reports often include a significant number of domestic disputes.

Studies have shown that a safe and secure community will lead to higher home valuations and salability factors. For the record, if this levy does not pass in November, then the local police patrols will terminate effective January 1, 2024.

Perry Township Trustees

Rick Amos, Bob Dawson, Nancy Steele

PERRY CEMETERIES

Our last foundation pour before winter will be the first or second week of November. If you'd like to have monuments placed before next Memorial Day, please have your monument company send in the foundation request before the end of October so it can be included in the November pour.



THANK YOU once again to the members of **Perry American Legion Post 697** and **Perry Service Learning students** for placing and removing the flags from the graves of the veterans in our cemeteries. This is a great service and we really appreciate that they take the time to do this!

I want to remind everyone who owns graves in Perry cemeteries that **you cannot legally sell graves that you own to another individual**. If you find that you own more graves than you will use, **there are three options**. In all three cases, it is necessary to contact me to process the paperwork.

- 1) You can either reconvey (or sell) those graves back to Perry Township at the same rate you paid for them.
- 2) You can grant written right to burial to another individual(s). If right to burial is given, that individual can be buried in the grave you designate and place a monument/marker, but they do not own the grave.
- 3) You can request that ownership of a grave(s) be transferred to another individual. In this case, you relinquish all rights to the grave and ask that a new deed be prepared for the other individual, who then becomes owner of the grave(s).

Please feel free to contact me at 440-417-2010 with any cemetery questions. You can also call the Township office at 440-259-5140.

Michele Woltman
Cemetery Sexton

PERRY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Perry Fall Festival took place on September 9th. It was great to see so many members of our community enjoying the events the festival had to offer this year. As an ongoing PWL tradition, we held our infamous Daisy Drop during the Festival. The raffle was a sell out! PWL would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to The Jen & Sam Taylor family for bringing "Daisy"! We would also like to thank those who purchased tickets for the opportunity to win \$1,000, as well as those who bought sideboard tickets during the festival. Daisy's "spot of choice" this year was lucky #46. Congratulations to David & Jennifer Dichoso for purchasing the winning main board ticket. Ticket #46 was not sold from the sideboard. Money raised from the sideboard ticket sales will be added to the PWL account and used towards one of our future projects.



As we enter the season of giving, we will finish up our fiscal year with our long standing project- Christmas Families. This project is just one of the many outreach programs the Perry Women's League provides for our Perry community. Providing for those less fortunate is the building block of the PWL.



Ever considered being part of something great? Consider joining us for a meeting! The PWL meets, quarterly, the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Perry Public Library. We'd love for you to come to learn all the wonderful things the PWL does for our community.

Visit our website: <https://www.perry-lake.org/community-groups/perry-womens-league>; and like us on Facebook – 'Perry Women's League'. The PWL can also be reached via email at perrywomensleague@hotmail.com.

Carrie Scales

PERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Perry Historical Society Auction was held on August 5, 2023, and was a wonderful success, this year featured a float in the parade with Diane Wolff serving as a newsboy! Winners included, Jody Carroll-gift cards, Kayla Rackovan - lottery and Laura Corrigan won the 50/50 drawing. The society thanks all our donors and volunteers who helped to make this year's auction a huge success.

Tonya Basic, from the Lake County Historical Society will present "Erie and Odd Legends" and local Perry ghost stories at the Perry Historical Museum, on Saturday, October 21st, doors open at 6pm and the program starts at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, from 2-4 pm, the Perry Historical Society, in conjunction with the Methodist Church, will offer a "Trunk or Treat" for area children.

The Perry Historical Society is proud and pleased to announce that Mary Louise Platko has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award from The Ohio Local History Alliance. The award was presented October 7, 2023 at their annual meeting in Columbus. Mary was a co-founder of the Perry Historical Society with John Hise, and a valued and respected member of the Perry community for many years. The society extends to John (Jack) Platko, Mary's husband, and to Mary's family our most profound appreciation for all of Mary's contributions to our understanding of the importance of history here in Perry.

**Jack Kless
Historian**

PERRY SENIOR CENTER

~ Life is Beautiful ~

Health Benefits of Friendship Grows with Age

Everyone knows life is not nearly as full without friends, but did you know that one of the health benefits of having friends is a longer life? If you are reaching your sixties or beyond, friendships are not just for fun, they can be lifesaving too. As we age, friendships can dispel loneliness, improve your physical and mental health, increase your sense of well-being, and even add quality years to your life. Research done by the University of Michigan has shown that for adults over the age of 60, loneliness increases the risk of early death by 50%. In addition, seniors who were lonely were less likely to be able to do simple daily tasks and activities, such as dressing, showering, walking, and carrying objects necessary for living an independent life. Friendship also keeps your brain sharp. Cognitive decline is greatly impacted by feelings of loneliness and perceived or actual isolation. As we age our friends may change but our need for them does not. Do you find yourself with less social interaction than when you were younger? Have your friends moved away or passed away? Do not lose the health benefits of friendship by staying isolated. Now is an excellent time to join the Perry Senior Center and make new friends and or enjoy activities with your current friends. Making new friends can be a difficult task on your own. Why not find common ground and make a new friend or renew old friendships at the Perry Senior Center today!



TRAVEL ADVENTURES AT A GLANCE

***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 please call the Perry Senior Center 440-259-3772**



DAY TRIPS

Oct 19 Simply Sweet Horse drawn wagon ride around a real working farm, Amish Door luncheon and shopping at the gift store and bakery. Visit J.M. Smucker's Co., P Graham Dunn and Lehman's Hardware. Perfect fall adventure. Cost \$71pp.

Nov 17 I X Christmas Connection Spend the day browsing or buying everything Christmas. Cost \$20.00pp.

Nov 29 Amish Day & Michael Buble Tribute Show Fall Includes transportation, show tickets for the #1 worldwide tribute show, dinner at Der Dutchman, stops at the Cheese house and Farmers Market and more. Cost \$124pp.

EXTENDED TRIPS

Nov 12-18 Biloxi & New Orleans Spectacular Gulf Coast gaming, guided tour of Bay St. Louis, Mardi Gras World, relaxing riverboat cruise on the Mississippi river. Cost \$835pp. Dbl. Occ.

Dec. 4-9 Nashville Show Trip See shows at the Grand Old Opry & Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater, tour Nashville and Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery and enjoy admissions to Madame Tussauds, country Music Hall of Fame and behind the scenes tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Cost \$879pp. Dbl. Occ.

Dec 12-14 Seneca Allegheny Holiday Getaway 2 nights stay at the luxurious Seneca Allegheny Casino Resort, \$70 in slot play, \$30 in food credit, Cost \$279pp. Dbl. Occ.

Jan 28-Feb 9 Caribbean Super Bowl Cruise \$1719.00pp Dbl. Occ.

**Christine Znidarsic
Senior Center Director**

PERRY VILLAGE

Greetings Perry Village Residents,

The days are getting shorter and fall is upon us. I hope your summer was fantastic. There have been many personnel changes within the village this past year. We have a new Police Chief Steve Williams. We also have a new Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council Brittany Schostek and a new p/t Zoning Inspector Harley DeLeon. If you see them, please welcome them to the Perry community. We are in the process of hiring a new Engineer to secure grant funding for road projects that we will be applying for. I hope you enjoy the Fall colors this year and have a wonderful Holiday season.

Welcome!

Jim Gessic

From the Perry Village Lee Lydic Park Committee:

For those that aren't familiar, our beautiful 25 acre Lee Lydic park is located at 3954 Call Rd in Perry Village. The Park has many amenities to enjoy such as, a stocked catch and release fishing pond, a playground, a picnic shelter that can be reserved, a stage, a dog park, grass, trees and a half mile paved one-way road that is great for biking, walking, roller skating and dog walking.

Our committee has been busy this summer with improvements to the park and holding our first Family Fun Days! On April 21st we held an Earth Day Fun Day, on July 23rd it was a Summer Fun Day and on Oct 8th will be our Fall Family Fun Day. Our last family activity will be on Sunday December 3rd from 3:00 - 5:00pm when Santa Comes to the Village! Mark your calendar as there will be a great photo op with Santa, cookies, hot cocoa and more!



Other improvements to the park have been building a beautiful fire pit which is stocked with wood for your use. We also installed a Purple Martin house to attract these beautiful mosquito eating friends. Our popular Community Garden plot was full this year and produced an abundance of tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash and weeds for our gardeners. By the pond we installed 3 PVC tubes to collect the used fishing line filament and hooks which will keep our environment safe for all. In the picnic shelter we installed a Household Battery Collection Tube and have already filled a 5 gallon bucket keeping these toxins out of the landfill. A big thank you to Eagle Scout Traxton Richards who built and donated 2 beautiful wood garbage boxes for our picnic shelter. Finally we have been preparing for and will be seeding this November, a ¼ acre Native Wildflower Meadow that will attract, feed and protect pollinators and wildlife. The meadow will have a path, benches, and signage for your education and will be a wonderful place to connect with nature.

If you are interested in more information in our park or activities please call 440-259-2671.

Your Park Committee:

Mike & Lee Glover, John & Barb Howley, Elias Coss & Pam Jenkins

PERRY TOWNSHIP PARK

This was such a fun summer at Perry Township Park! There were family reunions, birthday parties and lots of picnics. The summer concert series was once again a huge success with record attendance and a good time was had by all. Thanks for coming out and enjoying this amazing venue on the lake.

We implemented a new online camping reservation system this year. We have had over 500 campers enjoy our beautiful park with some from as far away as the



Czech Republic, Austria, Germany and the Philippines. **We will start taking reservations for the 2024 season beginning Nov 1st.**

We are in the process of wrapping up another successful year at Perry Township Park and Campground. Don't forget the Restrooms will close Oct 31st so please come enjoy our beautiful park before winter sets in. Thank you for an amazing 2023 Season

Park Managers Rich and Deb Romano

NORTH PERRY VILLAGE



COUNCIL MEETING DATES

If work Session needed, it will be
scheduled at 6:00 PM prior to Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

Recycle Dates

October 9th & October 23rd
November 6th & November 20th
December 4 & December 18th

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North Perry, Ohio 44081
Phone: 440-259-4994
Fax: 440-259-2306
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secretary@northperry.org

BOAT STICKERS AVAILABLE AT OFFICE

All kayaks stored at the NPV Townline Park must be removed by October 31st.

****From Mark Gilson, Editor of North Perry Village Newsletter****

A few words from acting Mayor, Brian Titus

As we say goodbye to another wonderful summer on the shores of Lake Erie, we look forward to fall, and all the beautiful colors and activities that come along with it. Our maintenance department has been hard at work closing the pool and getting our parks ready for winter, so once the leaves start to fall they'll be ready to collect them. The plan is for the schedule to be just like last year with daily pick-up Monday-Friday starting October 15 and ending once the leaves stop accumulating, or the weather forces us to quit.

We have three big events happening in the Village in the fall. The first is the inaugural **Dog Fest on October 21 from 11:00 AM- 6:00 PM at the Village Hall**. Interest in this event seems very high and the proceeds will go towards a new dog park adjacent to our Hall, which will be open to everyone. Please plan on attending, it should be fun! Our second event is every dentist's favorite, Halloween! **We've coordinated with all three Perry entities to have trick or treating from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31**. Please be extra vigilant if you are out and about during this time to watch for the little ones! And finally, the most important event is **Election Day, on November 7**. Don't forget to take advantage of this opportunity for your voice to be heard. It's nice to see how many people we have locally who are willing to sacrifice their own time to try and make a difference in our communities. Whether you agree with them or not, and whether they win or not, I believe they should all be commended for their efforts. Good luck to all!

See the North Perry Village Newsletter!

Posted every other month at: <https://northperry.org>

****DOG FEST****

Exciting News! Brought to you by North Perry Police Department.

Saturday October 21, 2023 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at North Perry Village Hall * CRAFT VENDORS* CHINESE AUCTION*DOG CONTESTS*KID GAMES*, SAFETY FORCES DISPLAY* 50-50* DONATIONS & VENDORS WELCOMED! And to end the day a Rigatoni Dinner from 4:00 - 6:00 PM - ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOG PARK IN NORTH PERRY.

For Vendor Forms please log on to <https://northperry.org>



****Rentals for 2024** Are already being reserved...make sure to book dates for 2024 in plenty of time.**

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. It's hard to believe Fall is already here. I would like to thank everyone who came out to visit us at the Fall Festival. It is always a nice event to bring the community together and enjoy the day. This year's festival concluded with a spectacular Fireworks show.



We will again be hosting a "drive through" candy distribution at Station #1, 3742 Center Rd., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31st. All are welcome to attend!!

We recently had the honor of wishing **Lieutenant Patrick Fuerst** a "happy retirement". Pat worked with the Perry Joint Fire District for 29 years and was a great asset to both our department and the community. Pat will be sorely missed.

Residents are always welcome to call the Fire Department with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 440-259-2880, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chief Dominic Chiappone

Fall Safety Tips

October is Fire Prevention Month. As the weather turns colder, we start using heaters and fireplaces more.

Here are some quick fire safety tips from the NFPA:

1. If you have a fireplace, wood burner, or a gas fireplace, have them inspected by a certified technician before using it. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
2. Have your furnace inspected by a furnace technician and change your air filters.
3. Only plug ONE heat-producing appliance (such as coffee makers, toasters or space heaters) into a receptacle outlet at a time. Do not use extension cords or power strips for these appliances.
4. If you have a camp fire make sure you have a fire ring, a way to extinguish the fire, and keep the little ones safe.
5. Test your fire and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure the batteries are fresh and that your equipment isn't more than 10 years old. If your alarm system doesn't sound or is over 10 years old please call us.

Keep Halloween Safe!

Keep kids safe this Halloween with tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:



1. When Shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
2. If a sword, cane or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if they stumble or trip.
3. Do not use decorative contact lenses without an eye examination and a prescription from an eye care professional. While the packaging on decorative lenses will often make claims such as "one size fits all," or "no need to see an eye specialist," obtaining decorative contact lenses without a prescription can be dangerous. This can cause pain, inflammation, and serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to permanent vision loss.
4. Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
5. Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.

Most importantly - let's enjoy the cooler nights safely with loved ones and friends!

Capt. Timothy Sitz

THE PERRY CENTER
(Food Pantry)

We are very appreciative of all the assistance we receive at The Perry Center from our very generous community:

- Food donations
- School supply donations
- Items from your gardens
- Paper products and laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, etc.
- Volunteer hours



THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU

We provided backpacks filled with school supplies for 110 children of our clients. This is a very labor-intensive project as each school and grade has a different list of items needed. We then shop for the items, sort them, and then pack each bag according to their school and grade.

We have mailed our letters and applications for Christmas assistance to all our clients. If you did not receive yours, please contact The Perry Center at 440/259-3332 immediately. The deadline for return of the applications is October 20th, which is just a couple of days after this newsletter is mailed. If you call right away, we will do everything we can to put you on the list for assistance.

If you are looking for a way to help someone this Christmas, our program offers an opportunity to do so. Here are the ways you can assist:

- 1) "Adopt" a child/children (you decide how many) and purchase gifts from a wish list.
- 2) "Adopt" a whole family of children (you decide the number of children in the family) and purchase gifts from a wish list for each child.
- 3) If you don't want to shop, but would like to help, you can make a monetary donation to The Perry Center and we will shop.



Please consider helping with Christmas 2023. Let us know as soon as possible by phone 440/259-3332, by email: perrycenter@outlook.com, or by mail: PO Box 446, Perry, OH 44081. You may also call Carole's cell phone at 440/897-2574.

Brenda Carr & Carole Martin
Co-Administrators

THRIVING THREADS
(Clothing Room)

We are happy to announce our three new Perry Service Learning students who are working with us this year: Landon, Emma and Annalise.

We will have Halloween costumes out very soon, as well as ALL the cold-weather clothing you can imagine.

We are in desperate need of any men's clothing, coats, shoes, belts. So please check your closet and if you have any that you are willing to part with, our brown wooden donation bin is always open.

Our clientele has grown to over 1600 people who were able to receive more than 11,500 pieces of clothing last quarter. With new faces coming in we are always in need of winter coats, boots and snow pants for kids, women and men, too!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donating.



If you have some spare time, we could use your help in sorting and hanging the clothes on the racks for distribution. There is always something to be sorted and made ready for our customers. If you would like to help, please contact Samantha Ferrell at thrivingthreadsinperry@gmail.com.

Samantha Ferrell
Director of Thriving Threads

**Hours of operation for
The Perry Center and
Thriving Threads:
Tuesdays 9:00 am to noon
and
Fridays 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Other times by appointment**

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please register for events at www.PerryPublicLibrary.org or call us at 440-259-3300

- Join Aubrey at the Perry Senior Center for **drop-in tech help! October 23 and November 27 from 1 pm-2 pm.** Call 440-259-3772 for more information.
- **Board Game Club:** Teens! Play board games with your friends! **October 23 at 4:30 pm**
- **Healthy Relationships:** Lisa from Signature Health presents on healthy relationships, red flags in dating, and avoiding danger zones. The program is open to adults and teens with an adult caregiver. **October 23 at 7 pm.**
- **Scary Public Library on October 30 at 7:30pm.** Your library will close at 6:00pm to set up and reopen at **7:30pm.** There is no fee or registration required but we do ask that you bring a canned good for donation to the Perry Food Bank. **Children 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. If you don't like scary stuff, this might be too intense for you!**
- **Living a Stress-less life with Maggie Kimble:** How to recognize when your stress load is getting out of hand tips to help calm things down. **November 6 at 7 pm**
- **Medicare Checkup:** Review your Medicare coverage for the upcoming year with an OSHIIP Volunteer (Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program). **November 7 at 7 pm**
- **The Personal Life of Vincent Van Gogh** focuses specifically on his life and complex individuality. **November 13 at 7 pm**
- **Family holiday craft drop-in:** Time to make a fun winter votive! Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. **December 2 at noon**
- **Holiday Cookie Contest:** Bring a dozen of your favorite cookies and a printed recipe to the library by **6:00pm on December 18th.** Judging on taste and appearance will be announced after the Holiday concert at 7:30pm. Top 3 winners will receive a prize!
- **Holiday concert:** Lake Erie Brass Ensemble will be here on **December 18 at 6:30 pm**
- Need a **passport?** Call us for appointment! Please remember to bring your photos (Walgreens and CVS offer passport photo services).
- Please check website or call for more info if you're interested in attending one of our book clubs!

Holiday Closings/Special Hours:

November 10 & November 11

November 23 & November 24

December 22, December 23, December 25

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