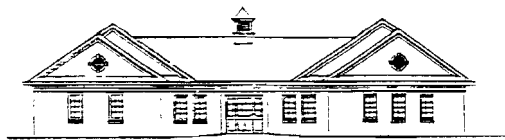


# The Village Visitor

Perry Village



Municipal Center

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## Community Cooperation

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**Council Meetings**  
2nd Thursday monthly  
7:00 PM  
Perry Village Municipal Center

**Planning Commission**  
1st Wednesday monthly  
7:00 PM  
Perry Village Municipal Center

**Newsletter**  
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There are several important ways that the groups of Perry governmental bodies have been improving the entire community through co-operative efforts. These would include the Perry Economic Development Council (PEDC), the Joint Economic Development district (JEDD), and Public Forum.

The PEDC is a group of representatives from the two Villages, the Township, and Perry Schools. The emphasis is two fold: One to keep all the government entities informed on all economic development within the Perry area. All government entities have two representatives on the Council. Matters of economic interest are discussed and information shared with all members. The group chaired by Township Administrator, Mr. Walter Siegel. Meetings are quarterly, or on an as need basis.

The JEDD is an oversight Council appointed representatives who distribute monies and administer fiduciary responsibilities generated by

industrial properties in the JEDD. The make-up of the Council comes from appointments made by the Villages and Township to carry on the functions described. Members include business owners, Village officials, and qualified community members. The JEDD purpose is to share revenue of industrial properties located mostly in the Township through income tax collections. (Townships cannot by law collect income taxes except through special JEDD type districts.) The JEDD Chairman is Township Administrator, Mr. Walter Siegel, and the CFO is Mrs. Linda Hofer. The JEDD Board meets quarterly, or on an as need basis.

The Public Forums are meetings where all officials of both Villages, the Township Trustees, members of the Perry School Board and their administration are invited. This general and open meeting is another discussion of projects and plans each entity shares with community leaders of activities within their individual jurisdictions. The

meetings are semi-annual, or more often as needed.

This past year, Perry Village and the Township entered into an agreement in which lands formerly located in the Township could share revenue when and if annexed land is developed. This Comprehensive Economic Development Agreement (CEDA), very much like a JEDD, is designed for residential and commercial property.

Also, an agreement was reached with the Township to extend the Phase II Sanitary Sewer Project into the Township area on Maple Street. The addition of these affected homes lowered the total assessment cost to Village and Township properties and addressed a critical health problem long existent in this area.

We are fortunate in this governmentally divided community to have all entities working together for the improvement and future of the entire Perry area.



### From the Finance Department:

By now everyone should have gotten a letter from the Regional Income Tax Agency regarding the change from the Central Collection Agency as the party that collects payroll and net profit taxes for the Village. The Village decided to make this change because we felt that we will get better service for less money. Also there is a lot of confusion because the Perry Nuclear Power Plant is in North Perry Village but has a Perry post office. Therefore companies pay to the wrong community. I hope making this change will be better for everyone. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 259-2671. All of us that work for the village have been very diligent about our budgets and making sure that your tax dollars are spent wisely, but many things are out of our hands. As we all know gasoline has hit record highs this year and this affects the village as well as you as our constituents. Also road salt has doubled in price this year and is short supply. Fortunately Tim Steele had ordered salt in May and we filled the bin at the old price but that doesn't last long and

we are now buying at the higher price so please drive carefully in bad weather because the village road department will have to limit putting salt on the straight-aways and will be concentrating on our intersections. I am sure that you are all aware of the construction projects that have been going on in the village the last two years. The sanitary sewer projects were partially funded by grants and loans that were applied for through the Ohio Public Works Commission. The road resurfacing, that totaled \$159,033, was paid for through the Road and Bridge Fund from the five year three mill levy that you all pay. That is your tax dollars at work. Finally, don't forget that when you renew your license plates to make sure that Perry Village is listed on the registration. That makes sure that we receive the proper taxes that work in your community. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

*Linda Hofer*

*Chief Fiscal Officer*

The Village is facing a mandated, unfunded improvement to the emergency dispatching system to be implemented in 2010. The Village share of this upgrade is several tens of thousands of dollars. At present, there are no grants or other means to defer this cost.

Village Council will be working through this coming year to find new revenue streams and making adjustments accordingly.



## Winter Snow Removal



All the stories which have been in the news media concerning the road salt crisis have affected the Village as all other municipalities. The cost and availability have impacted our Village. Currently, we have sufficient supplies into the early winter. Ordering replacement salt is on a scale in which small Villages like ours are down on the list. State and federal highways/interstates have priority. Counties and large urban centers have next priority, and so on.

A near doubling of cost of salt is severely impacting our budget for this purpose. The Village Maintenance Department has calibrated the distribution equipment so that the spreaders use minimum amounts of material. Residents are going to find at some roads are not going to be as treated as in past years. All intersections, school entry drives, and curves are going to continue to receive maximum amounts of salt for safety purposes

All of us are going to have to adapt to snow packed road stretches during certain parts of the winter season. We are certainly going to plow all streets on a regular basis, but the salting of some areas will be lessened.

It is important that the snow ban of parking on streets be strictly observed during snow storms exceeding two inches of accumulation. Violators can expect to be cited if they ignore this ban.

## Development

Through 2008 several developers were interested in expanding housing in several parts of the Village. We were talking with seven different interested builders that were looking to add residential and commercial growth in various parts of the Village.

The project that had the most potential would have been located on Main Street south of the Norfolk & Southern RR. This was

designed to be a Planned Unit Development of single-family homes, commercial development, and Senior housing. That project, and all development in the Village at this time, is either on hold, or completely abandoned.

The areas of the Village already held by developers and planned for improvement is also on hold. In conversations with these developers, there are no plans in the

immediate future to move forward in the next two years.

The economic crisis, which is now becoming very widespread and affecting us all, is, of course responsible for this situation. There is too much housing available at present, there are problems with securing financing for such projects, and, also, a retracting of investment.

## Village Park

This past year saw an increase in the use of the Village Park on Call Road. The Park provided a venue for many reunions, family picnics, and sport activities. The Perry Recreation Fall Festival, the Girl Scout Winter Fest, the Boy Scout Outdoor Camp, Youth Fishing Tournament, and other activities were part of the schedule. Several area churches used the park for their activities. The Village encourages all of Perry Community to use this very fine facility.

The Village maintains a wildlife habitat area. Animals native to northern Ohio are often seen in the park area. The pond area is stocked yearly through grants from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Rick Forsyth from the Village Maintenance Department has been instrumental in applying for these grants.

Council Member, Mrs. Vicki Stevens, has been the Park Committee Chairperson for several years. She is the person to contact to schedule events and set dates for families and groups to use the park.

This past year, the Village Park had the north drive, handicapped area, entrance drive and turning loop paved with a grant secured from the efforts of Congressman Steven LaTourette and Council.

This park is a true gem in the Perry Community.

## Road Paving Projects

This past year the Village took on the improvement of most road areas in the Phase I portion of the Sanitary Sewer Project. The crossover cuts necessary to make all lateral connections also made driving on those roads a nuisance.

The two paving projects, Harper, Green, and Thompson Streets, and Main and Maple Streets were completed. These have turned out well and driving in these areas is

much improved

Additionally, a surface coating was applied to Green Street, Manchester Ave., and Harper Street to extend the life of these roads by several years. The coatings applied soften and rejuvenate the tar ingredient in asphalt in order to lengthen the time between resurfacing applications. The cost of this treatment is far less than any patching, crack sealing, or

resurfacing would be.

The Village will be returning to crack sealing in 2009 to further extend the life of streets where necessary. The combination of crack sealing and surface treatment will save the Village thousands in repair and surfacing costs.

The Village will look to the roads south of the tracks and Depot Street for improvements in the coming year.

## Lake Hospital Services at Perry Schools

Lake Hospitals will be opening a clinic located at the CFC in the Perry Schools in late January 2009. This clinic will have a variety of services available to the entire Perry community and the surrounding area. An area within the Community Fitness Center has been totally renovated with examination rooms, conference area, and waiting and reception areas. This vision has been the result of efforts by Superintendent Sawyers and his administrative team and the Lake Hospitals System team. Over a year of planning and negotiations have resulted in this fine facility being located in our community. We in the Village congratulate all involved in this forward thinking project. This effort may lead to a wider provision of medical services in the future.

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## From The Road Department

November 26, 2008

The Road Department has completed a lot of projects this summer. We are continuing our ditch cleaning to keep the water flowing throughout the Village. I have purchased a new mower that will help us keep weeds down to a lower level in our creeks and drainage ditches. This will keep us in compliance with E.P.A. standards, as well as keeping the water flowing with minimum resistance. This new piece of equipment will save a lot of man hours also.

By now everyone should know about the salt problem. The men on the Road Department will keep on doing our best to have clean and safe roads. We will have to wait further towards the end of a snow fall to salt the roads. This will help us in saving the salt we have. The intersections, curves, hills, and railroad tracks will still be salted as normal for safety. The rest of the roadways will see salt in little quantities compared to past years. I hope that you will be patient with us. We have always prided ourselves in having safe roadways and I will continue to find a way to keep them clean and safe for the winter months.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

*Thank You,*

*The Road Department*

*Tim – Rick – Steve*