



Perry Village

Annual News & Information Bulletin 2013

From the Mayor's Desk

The voice of Mayor Vicky Stevens:

As I look back and reflect on 2012, there is only one word that summarizes the opportunity that you have entrusted upon me to serve as your Mayor:

REMARKABLE....

There are many questions and concerns that arise from all of our residents throughout the days and year. With all of them bearing importance to myself and Village Council, I have taken this opportunity to emphasize only on select few, without preference to importance, in an effort to continuously inform you as to our current standing in regards to these topics.

Finance

Finance is always a major issue for the residents of the Village and we have made great progress in reducing our expenditures and keeping within and below our current budget limits, thus resulting in a carry over of funds to be used in the 2013 fiscal year. We have implemented a Finance Committee, which will meet quarterly to review and discuss our financial footprint. We are currently working on a five (5) year financial forecast that will assist us in implementing a budget plan of action in regards to the future needs of the Village, in the form of capital improvements and appropriations.

Maintenance

Our maintenance department has been very instrumental in completing numerous capital improvements to the Village Hall, which were funded by the acceptance of a grant provided by NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) and generous donations made to the Village. We conducted a complete inventory of all maintenance equipment and tools and have purchased new tools to assist in the efficiency of our maintenance personnel. We have completed the installation of three (3) new crosswalks within the Village, refurbishing of our current fleet of vehicles, in an attempt to extend the life expectancy of each vehicle in lieu of replacement, all while continuously providing our daily services to the Village.

Vicky Stevens,
Mayor

Village Council

Phil Cassella,
President Pro Temp

Michael Glover

Becky Shimko

George Schultz

Rick Walker

John Young

Linda Hofer,
Fiscal Officer

Michael Shank
Chief of Police

James Loiacono,
Solicitor

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Village Park

Our Village Park was dedicated in September 2012 to Mr. Lee Lydic, for his unselfish dedication to the Village throughout his tenure, holding numerous positions that included Mayor, Councilman and Chief of Police. Our 2012 Fall Festival proved to be our most successful in regards to the number of attendees and funds raised for the Perry Area Joint Recreational District. We held two (2) fishing tournaments during 2013, which were a huge success and are scheduled again. One being on May 18, 2013 and the second will be included in the 2013 Fall Festival scheduled for September 7 & 8, 2013.

Perry Street Sale

The 2012 Perry Street Sale was very well attended and proved to be a successful event. We have scheduled the 2013 event for August 3, 2013 and again are asking if any vendor would like to participate and would like to reserve display space, to please contact Village Hall @ 440-259-2671.

Happy 100th Birthday Celebration

In honoring our 100th Birthday, we have scheduled a celebration party on July 21, 2013 to be held at the Lee Lydic Park, complete with family activities, an abundance of fun and food for all. I am asking for anyone who is interested in being on the Birthday Celebration Committee to please contact me @ 440-259-2671. The first scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013 @ 7 PM, at the Village Hall. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to be involved, please contact me.

Welcoming of New Business's

Please join with me in the welcoming of several New Business's in 2012 – Kool Beans II, Precision Polymer Castings LLC, Extreme Clean, Lightning Auto Sales, Firehouse Auto Sales and the returning of Jeff's Garage. We wish you the best of success and a prosperous 2013.

Equipment Sharing / Lake County East COG

We have begun the process and are in the initial phase with the State Auditor's Office in regards to the County Equipment Sharing Program. We have also entered into an agreement to form a Lake County East Cooperative Government (East COG). The purpose of these ventures is to foster cooperation between municipalities for the sharing of manpower, equipment, resources and mutual aid, when necessary.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all of you for your continued support throughout my first completed year as your Mayor. I would invite each and every one of you to call upon myself or council if the need should arise and I invite you to become involved in your community government. I will continue to exceed your expectations to complete my duties with due diligence, honesty and integrity, just as you deserve.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Vicky Stevens
Village of Perry*

Taking a Look Back, Now and into the Future

by Perry Village Council, Phil Cassella, Council President Pro Temp

For the past several years, Perry Village has been focused on achieving financial stability.

Since the unpopular yet necessary increase to the Village income tax rate being imposed, a concerted effort has been made to bring our budget into a healthy and stable condition.

Some budgetary practices the Village administration, council, and staff have implemented include:

Carefully measuring income projections and setting forth budget expenditures to meet available income.

Studying General Fund expenditures to look for viable and sustainable operating practices and reductions to create savings.

Establishing expenditure allocations to fit revenue projections while insuring a carryover balance.

Within the budget, creating contingency accounts to save for future and unanticipated expenses for capital projects, equipment, and emergency operational reserves.

Establishing a system for budgetary oversight and transparency. Council now uses a functioning Finance Committee to oversee the budget. It publicly meets on a quarterly basis to review the budget status. The first 2013 quarterly public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2013, 7:00 PM @ the Village Hall.

Mayor Stevens has appointed Council members to monitor Village Departments, operations, and service functions to insure budget compliance and to access future needs.

Currently, additional focus is to bring all operational services up to date. Attention is currently focused on updating the Village Code of Codified Ordinances and Zoning regulations. One of the current issues being reviewed by Council is pending legislation concerning the responsibility for tree and sidewalk care. Newly proposed legislation for trees will be reviewed at a public hearing to be held at 6:45 PM on Thursday

April 11, 2013. Residents having an interest in the pending legislation are encouraged to attend the hearing. Another public hearing regarding sidewalk legislation is tentatively set for May 9, 2013, 6:45 PM @ the Village Hall.

Over the course of the spring, our Maintenance Department with the assistance of the Village Engineer will be assessing the condition of Village roads to establish repair/paving cost over a five year timetable. Since the previous Village Road Levy was not renewed, it will become imperative for Council, by this summer, to determine the possible future placement of a new levy on the ballot as early as this coming November general election.

As we look into the future, efforts are continuing to market the Village as a place for industrial, business, and residential growth. We are also continuing our efforts to sustain an informative and useful website to enhance resident awareness of Village activities.

As we face our future our primary objective will need to focus on sustaining financial stability while providing adequate resident services.

The Mayor, Council, and staff welcome your questions, comments, and concerns regarding any Village matter. Council meets the second Thursday of each month or all of us are open to your individual contact.

Finally, Perry Village will be celebrating its 100th year as an entity this coming summer. The celebration is scheduled for Lee Lydic Park on July 21, 2013 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Watch for details as planning activities are finalized.

Celebrating
100 Years

PERRY VILLAGE RESIDENT SURVEY

As we move forward, it is imperative that the Village have residents' prospective on various issues currently before the administration and council.

We need your input! What follows is a short survey we hope you'll take a few minutes to complete.

Your response may be returned by mail (P.O. Box 100, Perry, Ohio 44081) or dropped off at the Village Hall. If you choose, you can complete the survey on the Village website. (www.perryvillage.info)

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Do you currently believe that the Village financial condition and practices have been stabilized?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____

2. Of the noted Village services listed below, please rank their importance. Use ranking number 1 – 5, Five being the highest or most important.

_____ Maintenance (roads, snowplowing, etc.)

_____ Police Department

_____ Zoning oversight (construction & violation enforcement)

_____ Website

_____ Economic Development

_____ Other _____

Comments _____





3. Recent reductions in services have resulted in the suspension of leaf pickup and sidewalk snow plowing. Do you favor their restoration if the budget would permit this service in the future?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____

4. The responsibility to fund and maintain Village roads in a safe condition is now being studied. If it is determined additional funding is needed, would you support a new road levy to be placed on the ballot?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____

5. Recently, some discussion has occurred within the community involving the Village Police Department contracting with other entities for policing services or exploring the establishment of a Joint Police District similar to the Perry Joint Fire District. Could you support these possibilities?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____

6. If a Joint Police District is proposed, could you support a “new tax” with a reduction of the Village income tax that currently funds the Village Police Department? The creation of a Joint Police District would remove Village Police funding through the Village General Fund.

_____ Yes

_____ No

Comments _____



Perry Police

Michael G. Shank, Chief of Police

Professional and competent law enforcement is a core responsibility we hold resolute to the residents and stakeholders of the village. We expanded our focus in two areas last year; safety, community service.

Safety - School security has been paramount in this endeavor. In 2012 the Perry Village Police Department conducted its first mock "active shooter drill" at the Perry High School accomplished in conjunction with the Perry Joint Fire District and numerous local police and fire departments. The labeling of all exterior doors in the district soon to include all windows will assist in a swift and immediate response to targeted areas of the district by safety forces in the event of an emergency situation. Strategic placement of security cameras throughout the district accompanied with software that will enable police officers to monitor these cameras from police cruisers. Increased police presents in schools, assigning numerous School Resource Officers in the school district when incidents threaten the safety of students. Scheduled training for teachers and staff to recognize and report safety concerns and unusual student/visitor behaviors. Enacting proactive measures verse reactive responses.

Investigative Unit has been created to enhance investigations and criminal prosecutions of crimes committed against residents. One such venture is the assignment of a detective to the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). A Detective from the Perry Village Police Department will monitor the internet for sexual predators that are searching for victims in the 44081 and surrounding area codes.

Also in 2012 Perry Police Department hired officers certified in specific specialties including a Traffic Crash Reconstruction.

Community Service –

The Perry Police Department strongly believes that giving back to the community is one the single most important functions of public service. With these beliefs in mind many programs and services have been created;

Toys for Tots

Toys for the needy children during the Christmas Holiday.

Visit from Santa

Christmas Party for children and a visit from Santa.

Fill a Cruiser

Collecting needed food for the Perry Food Center.

Perry Village Police Scholarship

Awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior entering the field of Law Enforcement.

Senior "HELLO" Program

Implementing a monitoring program for elderly residents

Community Halloween Party (CO-Sponsored by the Perry Joint Fire District)

Respectfully,
Michael Shank, Chief of Police

Mayor's Court

Vicky Stevens – Mayor / Magistrate

Michelle Cox – Mayor's Court Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Mayor's Court hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

Contact (440) 259-5292 or (440) 259-2671

The Village of Perry Mayor's court was established in the Village of Perry in 1978. Currently the Village Mayor presides as judge over the court. The Village of Perry Mayor's Court is held at the Village hall generally the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 PM.

The Village Hall is located at 3758 Center Rd. Perry, Ohio 44081.

As provided by the Ohio Revised Code, the Mayor's Court serves as a local Judicial forum to rule on misdemeanor cases alleged to be in violation of the Villages Codified Ordinances. The Court hears misdemeanor offenses with the exception of Second offense driving under the influence (DUI), second offense driving under (DUI) Suspensions or third offense financial responsibility (FRA) suspension, and domestic Violence cases along with any Juvenile cases those cases are handled through the Lake County Juvenile court.

Citations may be paid by mail or in person at Village of Perry Mayor's Court. Forms of payment accepted Are: Cash, Check, Money Order or online Credit / Debit payment at www.Perrymayorscourtpayments.com

When is a Court Appearance required?

Traffic violations requiring a court appearance in the Village of Perry Mayor's Court include:

- *Operating a vehicle while intoxicated*
- *Leaving the scene of an accident*
- *Driving under suspension or revocation of driver's or commercial driver's license*
- *Driving without being licensed to drive (i.e., operator's license expired more than six months)*
- *A third moving traffic offense within a 12- month period, when jail is a possible penalty.*
- *Failure to stop for a school bus for the purpose of receiving or discharging children*
- *Fleeing a police officer*
- *Street racing*
- *A speed of 25 mph or more over the posted speed limit*
- *Failure to display operator's license*
- *Any traffic/criminal offense which carries a possible jail sentence(MI-M4)*
- *Any offense involving damage to personal or real property where insurance is not provided or invalid*



Lake County Solid Waste District Special Collection Events - 2013



Computer Collection ~ April 27, 2013

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds Commercial Building (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: Home computer equipment including CPU's and monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, modems and speakers. Cell phones are also accepted.
- NO televisions, microwave ovens, typewriters, DVD players, cameras or VCRs.

Scrap Tire Collection ~ May 11, 2013

- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (nominal fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds south entrance (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Up to 6 tires without rims will be accepted at no charge
- Additional tires without rims (\$2 each)
- Tires with rims (\$4 each)
- Oversized tires (\$10 each)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~ June 8, 2013

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: Household Cleaners & Solvents, Thinners, Kerosene, Turpentine, Lighter Fluid, Strippers, Used Motor Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline,

- Coolants, Antifreeze, Grease, Oil-based Paints, Varnish, Shellacs, Stains, Aerosols, Polyurethanes, Primers, Grout, Liquid/Solid Pool Lawn & Garden Chemicals, Pesticides, Weed Killers, Spray Insecticides, Batteries - All Sizes (including lead acid & household), Fluorescent Bulbs (all sizes), Photography Chemicals, "Hobby" Chemicals, Mercury, Empty Propane Tanks, Roofing Tars, Drive Sealers.
- NO Water Based Paints, Radioactive (Smoke alarms), Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical Waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection ~ September 28, 2013

- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (no fee)
- Lake County Fairgrounds (1301 Mentor Ave, Painesville 44077)
- Acceptable items: see information above
- NO Water Based Paints, Radioactive (Smoke alarms), Ammunition, Explosives, or Medical Waste.

The Lake County Solid Waste District and The Lake County Commissioners sponsor special collections.

The Lake County Department of Utilities administers and manages the special collections.

THESE COLLECTIONS ARE FOR LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY.

For more information contact:

The Lake County Solid Waste District at 440-350-2644 or Ohio State University Extension at 440-350-2582.

Lake County Housing

The Lake County Housing Rehabilitation Program offers a 0% Deferred Loan Program for those homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements. You must be the homeowner/occupant a minimum of three years-with title in your name.

The Rehab Program offers help with health, safety and structural issues as well as general property protection. The following items as well as others, may be considered for assistance: Roof replacement, chimney repair, electric panels, misc. plumbing, as well as wheel chair ramps and bathroom modifications for those with permanent mobility needs.

Please call Western Reserve Community Development Corp for more information, and how to apply.

Program Manager: Toni Marie
440-357-4400, www.wrcdc.org

Stormwater Projects

The Village completed seven storm water projects in 2012. The total cost of these projects was \$52,221.57 The major project was the Call Road to Green Road drainage ditch. The cost of that project alone was \$28,995.00. We completed projects on Tarpon Cove, Lee Lydic Park, Red Mill Creek, Thompson Street, Whistlewood Way and Green Road. The total for these projects were \$23,226.57.

For the 2013 year we are planning Five projects. These projects are estimated at \$55,798.80. Project #1 is Rt.84 – L turn – Main Street \$30,031.20, Project #2 Red Mill Creek Perry Schools \$5,968.80, Project#3 Harper Street \$4,792.80, Project #4 \$6,956.40 Manchester/Center Rd, Project #5 \$8,049.60.

Street Lighting Mike Glove Perry Village Councilperson

In 2013, we performed a physical inventory of Perry Village's streetlights with Dave Dillon from First Energy. Several meetings were held between Dave and myself going over CEI billing and inventory records. Another meeting consisted of us driving all the village streets comparing those records to actual fixtures. Corrections were made to First Energy inventory and billing records. These corrections resulted in a reduction in the village street lighting expenditures by over \$200.00 a month or approximately \$2,500.00 a year.



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Zoning

Last year 2012 saw some slight improvement in the economy and with that the Village issued 48 zoning permits. Two Duplex homes, one single home, nine accessory buildings and two home additions. The rest of the permits covered fences, pools, decks, and a house demolition. The Lake County Building Department requires permits and inspections on most of the projects mentioned above and require a zoning permit from the Village before they will issue their permit.

Last year was the first year that the Zoning Department started inspections of rental property in the Village. We have completed thirty-three inspections and issued thirty Occupancy Permits with many more to be registered and inspected. Remember if you are the owner of a rental property in the Village of Perry you are required by Ordinance to register your property, have it inspected, and obtain a Permit of Occupancy.

This year the Village will be working to get vacant properties maintained, sold or demolished. Efforts to get houses painted and yards cleared of junk and debris will also be a priority.

The Zoning office is open most Wednesdays from 2:30–6:30 PM

