

Living In Perry

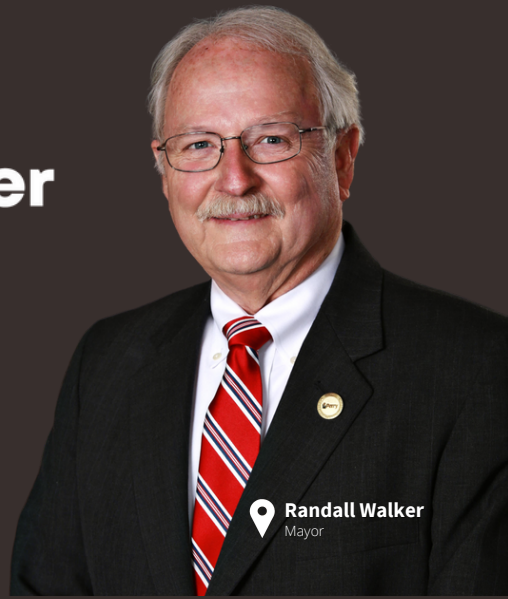


Perry

Where Georgia comes together.

Where *Georgia* Comes Together

An *award-winning* community...



Randall Walker
Mayor

Perry is, literally and figuratively, "Where Georgia Comes Together."

On behalf of the Perry City Council and myself, I would like to encourage you to choose Perry as your residence or a place to conduct business.

Our historic community encompasses over twenty-seven square miles along Interstate 75, right in the heart of Georgia. Perry has capitalized on the proximity to Robins Air Force Base, excellent schools, unique downtown, high quality of life, and a growing community.

We are committed to bringing quality growth to our city and value to our citizens. We place a premium on smart growth resulting in engagement and stability. Our strategic plan is city-driven and focused on supporting strategic economic and community development as we provide quality customer service to our citizens.

Come explore our community #WhereGeorgiaComesTogether!

A digital copy of this publication is located at
perry-ga.gov/economic-development.



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Superior Education Opportunities

The award-winning public **Houston County School District** draws families to the area with a teacher/student ratio of 1:16, and 100% of the system's teachers are professionally qualified. Houston County students historically score higher than national and state averages on standardized tests. STEM programs are emphasized starting in elementary school all the way through high school AP courses.

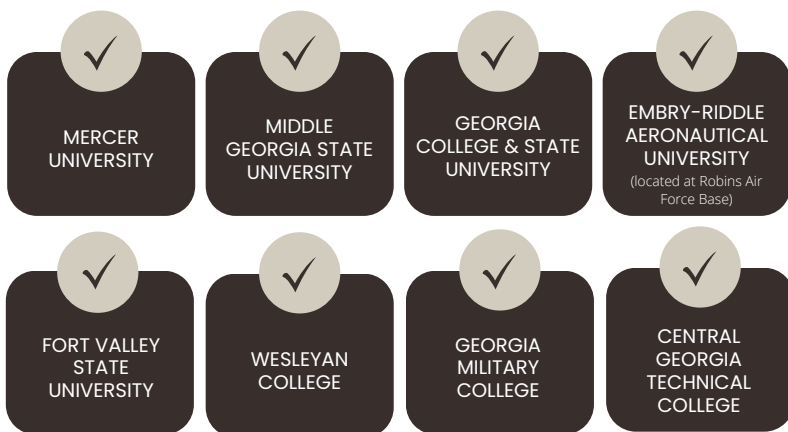


The Westfield School is a private, Christian-based college preparatory school that provides a host of academic, fine arts, and athletic programs. The faculty at Westfield provides instruction and curriculum that inspires students to think and learn within a global context.



Nearby Higher Education

within Middle Georgia includes...



HOPE Scholarship

The Georgia Lottery-funded **HOPE Scholarship** provides Georgia students who demonstrate academic achievement with financial assistance at all eligible Georgia colleges, universities, or technical colleges. Since the program's beginning, over \$13 Billion has been appropriated and distributed to eligible students. Information about HOPE scholarship eligibility can be found at www.gafutures.org.



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Leisure Services

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Point your phone's
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about Leisure Services.



Enriching Lives

If you're looking for adventure, the beauty of nature, or a place to cool off... **Perry** has it all.

Athletics

The City offers a variety of athletic programs throughout the year including football, cheerleading, baseball, t-ball, basketball, pickleball, and more.

Participants can easily register online for their selected sport through our online registration portal.

Volunteers are vital to the Youth Athletic Program. Coaching experience is not necessary - just a love of sports and a desire to make a difference with the youth of our community. We always looking for volunteer coaches and instructors for the variety of programs we offer.



CREEKWOOD SPLASHPAD

The Splashpad is the first of its kind in Perry!

Cool off under a variety of water fountains, water cannons, and one very large bucket that splashes onto the pad when filled up with water! Located at 1107 Creekwood Drive.

Adults will enjoy watching under large umbrellas and benches situated around the pad. A large picnic area is nearby where you can enjoy your refreshments under the nearby pavilion. The Splashpad is open seasonally.

Destination: Downtown Perry

Historic Downtown Perry is a premier and inclusive destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment for families, friends, and soon-to-be new friends. Our safe, walkable downtown is host to the Perry Farmers Market every Saturday, year-round events and festivals, and charming historic accents. Downtown Perry maintains its small-town culture while proving new and diverse business, entertainment, and residential opportunities.

At the **Perry's Farmer's Market** you'll find farmers, makers, and artisans who are enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and passion for their products. From fresh produce and locally sourced foods, handmade pottery and jewelry, to live music, the Farmers Market creates an opportunity for the community to connect every Saturday morning. For an added bonus, seasonal Warehouse and Sidewalk Sale events are held just steps away in spring and fall!

Downtown Perry is also home to a **restaurant district**, sometimes called an "open container" district which encourages people to linger longer downtown, visit neighboring businesses, and creates a more festive atmosphere. A customer may take an alcoholic beverage in a plastic cup on public spaces within the district, including sidewalks, rights of way, buildings and public parks between 11 a.m. and midnight daily.



Get Outside In *Perry*



HOUSTON LAKE

Set out on **Houston Lake** to find serenity amongst the Spanish moss and sun-soaked waters. The 150-acre lake has a public boat ramp and is a popular recreation spot amongst locals.

Approximately **three miles round trip**, a paddle on this no-wake lake is perfect for new and experienced kayakers and paddlers alike.



ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK

Just outside Downtown Perry, **Rotary Centennial Park** connects the **White Tail Trail** and **Weleetka Trail** trailheads. These wide paved paths offer ample space to stroll or ride alongside Big Indian Creek. With gentle grade and an abundance of shade, the trails are perfect for exploring with the whole family. Both trails can be paired together for an approximately **three-mile round trip route**.



DESTINATION PARKS

Pass the time in one of Perry's active **destination parks**. Enjoy a game of disc golf at **Rozar Park**, home to an 18-hole course. Rozar Park also includes two fishing ponds available to anyone looking to cast a line. Cool off at the **Creekwood Park splash pad** which includes water cannons, fountains, and a huge bucket where little ones eagerly await a big splash. Families will also find play structures and picnic pavilions at both Rozar and Creekwood Parks.

Culture *Connections*

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Point your phone's camera here to learn more about Perry's events. →



Perry hosts a dynamic variety of special events throughout the year, creating diverse entertainment options and culture connections for residents and visitors alike.

The Perry International Festival

With more than 30 countries represented, the **Perry International Festival** promotes the preservation of heritage and tradition through cultural education and live entertainment. This all-day festival includes an International Marketplace, multi-cultural food and beverage vendors, and more.

Downtown Tasting Experiences

Events like the **Downtown Wine Tasting** feature over 25 drink samples, live music, and extended shopping hours. The magic of Downtown Perry is on full display at these award-winning sellout events.

Food Truck Friday

Perry's **Food Truck Fridays** are highly sought after by food and beverage vendors from across the state of Georgia. This event series features dozens of mobile vendors offering plenty of dining and drinking options plus live entertainment, family activities, and a unique theme.

Heritage Oaks Park Events

Located at Heritage Oaks Park, connect with your creative side at **Art in the Park**. Observe artists creating their work in real time while enjoying live music on the lawn.

Also at Heritage Oaks Park is **Perry Presents** – a yearly lawn concert series where picnics with friends and neighbors are encouraged and the love of music fills the park.

Holidays

Downtown Perry transforms for the holidays in a *big way!*

Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate the Fourth of July in the heart of Historic Downtown Perry!

Scarecrow Fest | Sweets & Treats

Throughout the month of October, browse the unique scarecrows on display for Scarecrow Fest in Downtown Perry designed by local businesses. Finish off the month by joining thousands of trick-or-treaters for Sweets & Treats on Downtown Perry streets!

Small Business Saturday

Kickoff the holiday season in Downtown Perry with Small Business Saturday and the Tree Lighting on the City Hall lawn!



Adventures

Nearby

Macon

Macon, Georgia, “Where Soul Lives”, is a half hour away from Perry, and is home to a host of history, entertainment, and cultural amenities. Bike the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail and visit the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park. Visit local music landmarks including the Allman Brothers Band Museum at the Big House, Otis Redding Museum, the Little Richard House (and mural at Society Garden), and the Capricorn Sound Studio.

Columbus

Only about 1.5 hours away, **Columbus**, Georgia, blends a vibrant artsy energy with unique adventures and a thriving food scene. The Chattahoochee River boasts the world’s largest urban whitewater course for kayaking and rafting. Or zipline across the river and land in Phenix City, Alabama. Art, music, and theatre collide for a memorable cultural experience.

Atlanta

Atlanta, Georgia, is within 2 hours of Perry and is home to the world’s busiest airport – Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Enjoy a variety of professional sports, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, Zoo Atlanta, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, museums, and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

Savannah

Approximately 2.5 hours away is **Savannah**, Georgia’s oldest city. Stroll through the historic cobblestone streets and watch as cargo ships travel the Savannah River. A rich Savannah experience includes savoring the city’s eclectic and coastal food offerings and walking through its park-like squares draped in Spanish moss. On the Atlantic Ocean, **Tybee Island** is only a short drive from Historic Savannah.

Florida

Whether the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, you can get to the **Florida beaches** in about four hours from Perry. Orlando’s **Disney World** and **Universal Studios** are less than five hours away.

Mountains

If the mountains are calling, a three-hour drive will take you to Blue Ridge and the **North Georgia Mountains**. More adventures await in **Asheville, North Carolina**, less than 5 hours away, where the great outdoors and breweries are a prime weekend getaway.

Want To *Know More?*

If you're considering Perry, we'd love to talk with you and answer any questions you may have about our community.

We love Perry and know you will too!

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There are several ways to receive relevant and timely information from your local government.

How we communicate:

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PERRY POINTS

Text message service to ask questions, submit work requests, send a message to staff, and sign up for text alert notifications.

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Monthly newsletter sent to your email. Includes occasional e-blasts with information about a particular subject or event.

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