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Administration

The Perry City Council will meet on the following schedule:

- October 3 @ 5:00 p.m. - Work Session
- October 4 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Work Session
- October 4 @ 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting
- October 17 @ 5:00 p.m. - Work Session
- October 18 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Work Session
- October 18 @ 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

City Council meetings are normally held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

The Perry Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Perry City Hall.

The Perry Downtown Development Authority usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Perry Main Street Advisory Board usually meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

The Perry Public Arts Commission usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Department of Economic Development



City of Perry has launched an official Facebook page. It will provide the latest information, news and events for the City of Perry. [Click here!](#) to find it and like it. You don't want to miss out!



City of Perry is now on Instagram under cityofperryga. [Follow us!](#)

Members of the City of Perry Housing Team traveled to Gainesville on September 21-22 for their final GICH (Georgia Initiative for Community Housing) Retreat. Completing a three-year journey as a GICH community, the City of Perry Housing Team officially graduated from the GICH program at this retreat and was acknowledged for their efforts in promoting quality, safe, affordable housing here in Perry. The group enjoyed educational sessions and networking with fellow GICH communities. Though graduating from the GICH program, the Perry Housing Team will continue working in our community to ensure every citizen in Perry has a decent place to live.

For more information on the Perry Housing Team and their efforts, please go to <http://www.perry-ga.gov/community-development/housing/>



Perry Main Street

Don't drown in your mortgage. **Underwater Georgia** is finite federal funding targeted to

help Georgians through a one-time payment to reduce the principal balance on the home.
For three weeks, from September 28-October 18, 2016, Georgia residents will be able to fill out a pre-application for these funds.

The key eligibility requirements to be considered for Underwater Georgia's one-time mortgage assistance:

- * Owe more than home is currently worth.
- * Owe no more than \$250,000.
- * Purchased home before 2012.
- * Less than 90 days late on mortgage.
- * Mortgage lender is willing to participate.
- * Have not previously received HomeSafe Georgia assistance.

Visit www.UnderWaterGeorgia.org for more information and to complete the pre-application.

*This is a DCA program, and the City of Perry is not involved in the review or selection process.

The Georgia General Assembly has appointed a joint High Speed Broadband Study Committee, currently holding public hearings around the State. They have also partnered with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to gather more input on the status of broadband in rural Georgia.

We encourage you to complete the survey today and encourage others to do so as well. The Rural Broadband Survey is at this link: <https://broadband.georgia.gov/>

[Visit the website](#) for Joint High Speed Broadband Study Committee information.

Department of Community Development

Water Conservation



A family of four in the United States uses 400 gallons of water every day. That's a lot of water - enough to take 10 baths! By being smarter about our water use, not only can we save water, energy, and money, we can help our rivers, too. When we use water more efficiently, we leave more water in rivers and streams to support fish, wildlife and recreation.

Here are 10 simple tips for saving water and helping rivers.

1. Turn the water off while you brush your teeth and save over two gallons a minute.
2. Fix dripping faucets and running toilets. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drop per second can waste up to 2,700 gallons a year.
3. Save water and money by choosing efficient showerheads, dishwashers, and other appliances. Look for the WaterSense label.
4. Only run your washing machine and dish washer when they are full.
5. Dispose of chemicals properly at a hazardous waste drop off center. Don't pour them on the ground, into the sewer, or down the drain.
6. Avoid using pesticides or herbicides on your yard and garden. The chemicals can contaminate groundwater and streams and can also hurt kids and pets.
7. In the yard, use mulch to keep moisture from leaving the soil and minimize the need to water.
8. If you must water the lawn, water in the early morning or evening, and try to avoid watering on windy days. This will limit the amount of water that is evaporated by the sun or blown onto sidewalks and driveways.
9. Plant a rain garden to add beauty to your yard, while absorbing and filtering runoff. Water absorbed in a rain garden will filter pollution otherwise headed for streams.
10. Use a rain barrel to collect rain and help water your plants. Forty percent of the average homeowner's water use is outdoors. Rain barrels reduce the stress on municipal water systems during the dry, summer months.

Perry Police Department



Capt. James Buck attended the Body Worn Camera Forum. This two-day forum was attended by chief executives, as well as program managers from various police agencies around the country. The purpose of the forum was to provide best practices and procedures implementing the use of body worn cameras by officers. The course also looked at how video footage can be misinterpreted and how to better educate the community on the use of the videos.

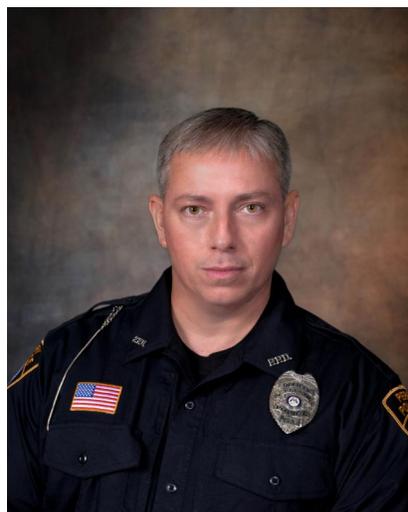
Lt. Christopher Sutcliff attended the Use of Force Summit. This two-day forum was attended by chief executives, as well as legal experts from various police agencies around the country. The purpose of the forum was to provide best practices and procedures for use of force incidents. It also included information and guidelines from PERF, Police Executive Research Forum.

We are pleased to announce that Parrish Construction has begun construction on the new Perry Animal Shelter. The project is scheduled to be completed in December of this year.



Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sept. 29

Welcome new part-time Officer Brian Smith. Officer Smith has twenty years of law enforcement experience as well as six years in the United States Marine Corp. Officer Smith possesses a Bachelor's of Science degree in information technology from Macon State University. He is married to Amy, and they have three children.



K-9 handlers attended the 2016 HITS Training conference. This conference specializes in training K-9 handlers in legal updates, high risk scenarios, civil litigation, K-9 performance evaluations and much more.

Fire and Emergency Services



The Mayor and City Council of the City of Perry are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Zenith "Lee" Parker to the position of Fire Chief/Director of

Emergency Services.

Mr. Parker's professional experience consists of the following:

- Fire Battalion Chief (2012-present), Forsyth County Fire Department (Georgia)
- Fire Chief (2007-2015), United States Air Force Reserves
- Training Chief (1998-2012), Forsyth County Fire Department (Georgia)
- Public Safety Training Instructor (1995-1998), Georgia Fire Academy
- Crew Chief/Assistant Chief (1995-2007), United States Air Force Reserves
- Firefighter/Instructor (1985-1995), United States Air Force (active duty)

Mr. Parker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in fire science management; Associate in Applied Science degree in fire science; and an Associate in Applied Science degree, instructor of technology and military science. He has also completed executive fire officer (EFO) training at the National Fire Academy.

Mr. Parker will be starting work with the Perry Fire and Emergency Services Department on October 31, 2016.



Department of Leisure Services

Check out the new website for the [Perry Arts!](#)



Perry Leisure Services Basketball Registration

Registration is Oct. 11-28, 2016
1060 Keith Dr. , Perry, GA 31069
Monday-Friday 8: 00 am- 5:00 pm
Registration Fees:
Ages 5-6: \$41
Ages 7-12: \$61

Ages 13-17: \$71

Full payment due and birth certification required at registration.

Notes: After Oct. 28, fees will be an additional \$10.

No refunds after Nov. 11, 2016.

Age control date is Dec. 31, 2016.

For more information, please, contact Alton Ellis or OJ Wheeler at the Perry Leisure Services Department at 478-988-2864.



Department of Public Works

Customer Service Week

During the week of October 3, 2016, the City of Perry will celebrate Customer Service Week. Customer Service Week is an international event devoted to recognizing the importance of customer service and honoring the people who serve and support customers each day. This year's theme is "One Goal, One Team, No Limits."

Customer Service Week provides a unique opportunity for service and support professionals around the globe to join in a celebration of the important role that customer service plays in every organization.

The five (5) core goals of Customer Service Week are:

- * Boost morale, motivation and teamwork.
- * Reward front-line reps for the important work they do all year long.
- * Raise company wide awareness of the importance of customer service.
- * Thank other departments for their support.
- * Remind customers of your organization's commitment to customer satisfaction.



Department of Finance

2012 SPLOST Proceeds				
City of Perry Share of				
Sales tax for the Month of:				
	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
July	108,150.75	115,708.46	118,446.29	116,902.78
August	106,255.50	117,309.17	115,417.08	
September	109,028.64	112,879.25	118,514.39	
October	107,101.11	109,127.78	110,251.65	
November	107,911.26	115,233.39	114,426.60	
December	137,898.02	139,349.01	141,624.30	
January	98,029.01	108,041.51	103,866.42	
February	106,525.44	114,763.43	112,613.25	
March	112,974.68	115,245.53	119,663.04	
April	105,471.33	110,316.61	111,181.10	
May	110,442.40	112,601.45	111,649.74	
June	108,313.24	115,940.71	\$ 116,261.63	
Totals	1,318,101.38	1,386,516.30	1,393,915.49	116,902.78

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