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Administration

Monthly Meetings

The Perry City Council will meet on the following schedule:

- Nov. 1 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Work Session
- Nov. 1 @ 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting
- Nov. 14 @ 5:00 p.m. - Work Session
- Nov. 15 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Work Session
- Nov. 15 @ 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

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

The Perry Planning Commission usually 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 5:00 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 on Social Media



City of Perry has an official Facebook page under City of Perry Government. It will

provide the latest information, news and events for the City of Perry. [Click here](#) to like it. You don't want to miss out! #wheregeorgiacomestgether



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

Perry Main Street



#shopsmallperry

Small Business Saturday

Downtown Perry will kick off the holiday shopping season on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26.

Participating shops, which are primarily on Carroll Street and neighboring streets in the historic downtown area, will be open on the Saturday after Thanksgiving from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is a partnership between the Perry Downtown Merchants Association, or PDMA, and Perry Main Street Advisory Board.

The merchants association is offering a passport shopping promotion. After shoppers get their cards stamped at participating businesses, they will turn in their passport at the last business they visit; passports will be collected for a drawing of \$300 in downtown dollars.

Participating downtown businesses will also host a selfie contest. Participants must be 18 years and older, must "like" the Shop Downtown Perry page on Facebook and post a photo or selfie. Photos must be taken during the event inside a participating business and must include the contest poster. One winner will be selected at random to receive \$100 in downtown dollars.

Participation in the selfie contest does not exclude participants from participating in the passport promotion. Participants may submit a photo at each participating business but may only submit one photo per participating business.

See participating merchants for rules for both contests.

Department of Community Development

Stormwater Guide

The City of Perry has created this brief guide as an attempt to foster an appreciation of the environmental concerns associated with stormwater and the work done by stormwater management practitioners. It provides you with information, steps and actions you can take to improve stormwater management on your property and in your community. This stormwater guide will not only help protect our invaluable water sources, but it will help green the city and improve quality of life for all residents.

As a citizen of Perry, Georgia, your part can be as simple as maintaining your car properly, (repairing oil leaks, coolant leaks, etc.) or picking up after your pet. Many residents may not be aware that waste products should never be dumped into storm drains, catch basins, drop inlets, swales or fresh water systems. You can recycle many of the waste products that come from maintaining your vehicle at home by delivering them to your local auto parts stores to be recycled.

These include:

- antifreeze (hazardous-deadly if consumed)
- batteries (hazardous)
- brake fluid (hazardous-deadly if consumed)
- degreasers (hazardous)
- gasoline (hazardous-deadly if consumed)
- motor oil (hazardous)
- oil filters (hazardous)
- transmission fluid (hazardous-deadly if consumed)

Check with your local AutoZone, Advanced Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts and Napa Auto Parts stores to name just a few.

Every year thousands of gallons of water flow into the **municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)**. Most people don't think about how this water is collected or where it goes. We all play a part in creating water pollution and must, therefore, all play a part in actively converting our streams, creeks, lakes and rivers into healthy systems that local residents, along with native fish and wildlife, can use as amenities, sanctuaries and habitats. In order to achieve the goal of a clean and green Perry, we must work together in a way that will protect our valuable water resources.

Perry Police Department



Officers Graduate

Officers Eddrica Gary and Joshua Brown graduated from the GPSTC Bibb Police Academy

on Friday, Sept. 23. The graduation ceremony was held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth. Please, join us in welcoming these officers to the Police Department.

National Coffee with a Cop

Perry Police Department hosted National Coffee with a Cop on Oct. 7 at the Coffee Cup on Carroll Street. Many of our officers were on hand to meet and talk with citizens. Perry K-9 officers, along with their K-9 partners, were present as well. Children of all ages enjoyed getting to know and visit with our K-9s!



Fire and Emergency Services



Fire Control Class

On Oct. 22 more than 30 firefighters representing Perry, Warner Robins, Cochran, Houston County and Peach County attended a pressurized container fire control class. The class was a field-delivered cooperative through the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Ga. This 8-hour class trained the firefighters on how to handle emergencies dealing with containers under pressure, such as propane tanks that are routinely located close to a residence. It was a great day for training and a great time had by all.



Department of Leisure Services

Perry Public Arts Commission

The Perry Public Arts Commission has a new website. You can check it out at perrylovesarts.com or through the city's website, perry-ga.gov under Leisure Services. It will be updated with the latest news, events and pictures.

Recreational Sports

2016/2017 Perry Basketball Season

- Late registration is Oct. 31 - Nov. 7 with \$10 additional fee.
- Mandatory parent meeting is Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. in Rozar Park community room.
- Mandatory coaches meeting is Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. in Rozar Park basketball gym.
- Basketball practice begins Nov. 21.
- Basketball pictures are Dec. 15. (Coaches will be notified of schedule.)
- Basketball season begins Jan. 7.

For more information, please, call 478-988-2860.

Department of Public Works

Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in the City of Perry Fall Clean-Up Week on October 24-28! You helped keep Perry beautiful!

Reminder! Bagging Incentive Program



On March 21, 2016, the City of Perry started offering its residential customers the opportunity to participate in its leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, small twigs, sticks and shrubbery clippings bagging collection program. As an incentive to encourage residents to participate in the program, the City of Perry will provide a \$3.00 weekly credit for residents who bag their yard waste per the program guidelines.

Program guidelines:

- Bags are to be placed curbside by 6 A.M. on the day of collection and should not be placed in the street, gutter, ditches or any drainage way.
- The resident must have a minimum of five (5) bags, all leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, small twigs, sticks and shrubbery clippings placed at the curb for collection must be bagged, and the bags should weigh no more than 50 pounds each. The residents may use regular plastic trash or lawn bags. The City will not collect any bags that contain household waste, rocks, animal waste, dirt, sod or other restricted bulky waste. If a bag contains any unacceptable materials, crews will leave them for the resident to remove.
- Loose branches and limbs (trimmed by the resident) will be picked up.

Note: All yard debris generated by anyone other than the resident must be removed as part of their service. This material may be taken to the Houston County Landfill located at 2080 Hwy 247 South, Kathleen, Ga 31047.

The success of the City's bagging initiative depends on the cooperation of our residents. Without your contributions, the City would not be able to provide an efficient and cost effective yard waste collection program. This is an opportunity for us all to keep Perry clean, safe and beautiful.

Alternatives to Bagged Leaf Collection

- Use the cheap, easy and environmentally friendly method of dealing with fallen leaves - weekly mulch mowing. Mown leaves will seemingly disappear as they filter into the grass. This easy process eliminates many hours of raking, bagging and hauling leaves to the curb.
- Construct a compost bin on your property, and use those composted leaves in your garden or flower bed next year, adding organic matter and reducing the need for fertilizer applications.

If you have any questions, please, call 478- 988-2739.

SPLOST

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|----|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2012 SPLOST Proceeds | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | City of Perry Share of | | | | |
| 4 | Sales tax for the Month of: | | | | |
| 5 | | <u>FY 2014</u> | <u>FY 2015</u> | <u>FY 2016</u> | <u>FY 2017</u> |
| 6 | July | 108,150.75 | 115,708.46 | 118,446.29 | 116,902.78 |
| 7 | August | 106,255.50 | 117,309.17 | 115,417.08 | 103,516.39 |
| 8 | September | 109,028.64 | 112,879.25 | 118,514.39 | |
| 9 | October | 107,101.11 | 109,127.78 | 110,251.65 | |
| 10 | November | 107,911.26 | 115,233.39 | 114,426.60 | |
| 11 | December | 137,898.02 | 139,349.01 | 141,624.30 | |
| 12 | January | 98,029.01 | 108,041.51 | 103,866.42 | |
| 13 | February | 106,525.44 | 114,763.43 | 112,613.25 | |
| 14 | March | 112,974.68 | 115,245.53 | 119,663.04 | |
| 15 | April | 105,471.33 | 110,316.61 | 111,181.10 | |
| 16 | May | 110,442.40 | 112,601.45 | 111,649.74 | |
| 17 | June | <u>108,313.24</u> | <u>115,940.71</u> | <u>\$ 116,261.63</u> | |
| 18 | Totals | 1,318,101.38 | 1,386,516.30 | 1,393,915.49 | 220,419.17 |

Property Tax Notice

The 2016 property tax notices are in the mail. Deadline to pay without penalty or interest is Dec. 20, 2016. Pay online at www.perry-ga.gov.

City of Perry Customers Can Help Low-income Families Stay Warm This Winter

Thousands of Georgia families, many of them right here in the City of Perry, struggle every year to pay their heating bills. Too many in our community have to choose between staying warm and buying groceries.

You can help your low-income neighbors stay warm this winter by donating to HEAT, the Heating Energy Assistance Team. HEAT is a nonprofit organization that is Georgia's oldest statewide fuel fund program. The funds donated to HEAT are distributed by the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services. Since 1983, HEAT has provided nearly \$23 million for energy assistance to more than 97,000 families in the state. In Houston County, \$7,540 was distributed to 22 households for energy assistance last winter. However, the need is much greater than the funds available.

Your tax-deductible gift to HEAT will help an elderly couple trying to make ends meet on a fixed income, a single parent caring for small children or a family whose primary bread winner just lost a job.

Here's how you can help:

- Through your utility bill, contact the city's customer service line at 478-988-2754.
- By mail, make your tax-deductible donation payable to HEAT and mail to:

HEAT
P.O. Box 451008
Atlanta, GA 31145

- Online, visit heatga.org to donate online.

For more information, call HEAT at 678-406-0212 or the City of Perry's customer service line at 478-988-2754.



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