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Administration

Monthly Meetings

The Perry City Council will meet on the following schedule:

- Jan. 3 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Meeting
- Jan. 3 @ 6:00 p.m. - Council Meeting
- Jan. 9 @ 5:00 p.m. - Work Session
- Jan. 16 @ 5:00 p.m. - Work Session
- Jan. 17 @ 5:00 p.m. - Pre-Council Meeting
- Jan. 17 @ 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 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 8 at 5:00 p.m.

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

The City Calendar of all the meetings can be found on on the home page at

www.perry-ga.gov.

Department of Economic Development

It's Been A Busy Year

The Department of Economic Development has had a very busy 2016! Working on your behalf to make sure City of Perry businesses are happy and able to produce their product or provide their service efficiently and effectively here in Perry, while marketing and promoting Perry with the hopes of attracting new businesses to Perry, the Department of Economic Development has seen an increase in general economic activity over the course of the past year. A few points of interest:

* While business recruitment is important, it's our existing businesses that are the backbone of our local economy. The Department of Economic Development conducted over 200 business visits in 2016 in support of our existing businesses.

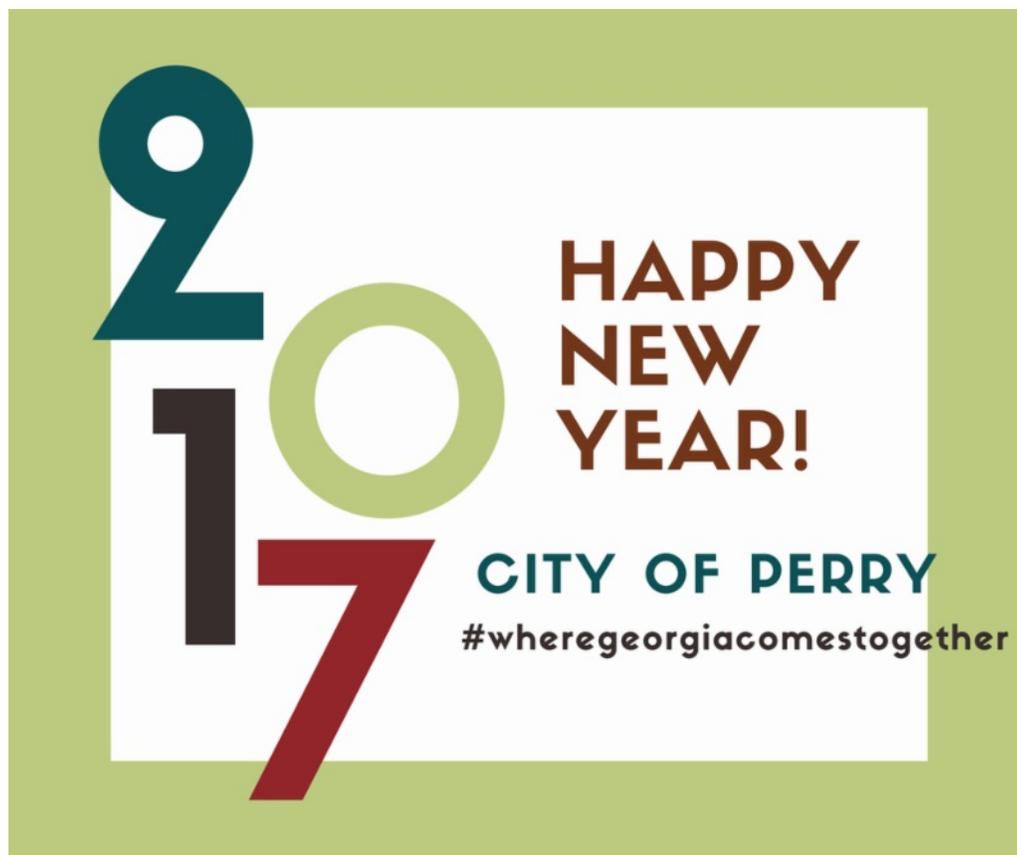
* Businesses are very interested in locating in Perry! In 2016, the Department of Economic Development worked with 92 prospects in working to locate them here in our community. There are numerous things about Perry that are generating this interest including advantageous location, high quality of life, and the fact that Perry and Houston County are prospering and growing.

* The Department of Economic Development was able to work with 30 businesses in 2016 in addressing operational issues.

* The City of Perry, through our Main Street Advisory Board and DDA, was able to provide façade grants to four Downtown businesses in helping these businesses improve the aesthetics of their locations.

* The popular BOOST program was able to provide eight Perry businesses with BOOST grants to assist those businesses with necessary purchases critical to their operations.

Please know that the City of Perry is here to support our businesses. We will be working for you in making sure that Perry is a superior community in which to conduct business and an attractive community in which to grow or locate a new business. Never hesitate to contact the Department of Economic Development for anything, from assistance with one of the above-mentioned programs or simply to talk about what's happening here in Perry. We would love to hear from you. You can reach the Department of Economic Development, Robert Smith, Director, at (478) 988-2757 or via email at robert.smith@perry-ga.gov.



Department of Community Development

Recycling Is A Stormwater Protection

How does recycling tie into stormwater? Recycling is an essential stormwater and water quality protection practice. Stormwater is pretty dirty stuff when you think about it. During a rain event, the water that lands on paved surfaces like roads and parking lots picks up everything in its path, yes, everything. It picks up the plastic bag from the grocery store, the styrofoam cup from your local coffee shop, the plastic water bottle and the fast food paper bag. And that is not the end of the story.

Where do they go? The water on the road or parking lot drains into the ditch that drains into the creek. From there it flows into the lake where we get your drinking water or into the ocean where you are swim or cruise. Natural wildlife must also find a way to manage survival when the toxic litter enters their native habitat... hmm.

Apart from the low-life aspect of the litterbug, most of the items that are discarded are recyclable. Plastic bags can be recycled in any of the stores you visit. Many plastic water bottles have a nickel return just like cans. If you can't return the plastic bottle, it can be added to your recycling bin at home. Paper bags are recyclable or, at the very least, reusable. What about styrofoam cups? Please stop using them! They never break down and are filling our oceans with trash. It takes 10 minutes to drink a cup of coffee but the cup lasts forever! Splurge for a re-usable coffee mug knowing that you're helping to protect and conserve our water resources and the local wildlife habitats.

Within the City of Perry we offer curbside recycling through Advanced Disposal. Advanced Disposal will pick up recyclables once a week on the same day as garbage pickup. There are 33 acceptable recyclable items. For more information, please visit <http://www.perry-ga.gov/curbside-recycling/>.

Perry Police Department

Reading To Students

Cpl. Craig Fowler was invited by C.B. Watson Primary School to read to their students. Cpl. Fowler read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", by Dr. Seuss to Ms. Edge's kindergarten class, and to Ms. Fowler's second grade class. All students were made honorary police officers for the day and were told to be good and make wise choices.



Fire and Emergency Services

Firefighters Certified

Firefighter Clint Mixon (L) and Firefighter Brian Banks (R) have successfully completed all requirements set forth by the State of Georgia to be certified as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.



Firefighter Drew Rowell (L) and Firefighter Nadad Jeanjulien (R) successfully completed all requirements set forth by the State of Georgia to be a State Certified Firefighter. Both of these men began their training in April and received their state testing in December, passing on their first attempt.



Department of Leisure Services

Perry Plein Air Artwork Purchased

As mentioned in our last City Edition, the Perry Public Arts Commission purchased a piece of art during the Perry Plein Air Paint Out and Art Sale in September. The artwork is called *Rozar Park Lake* by artist Preston King who resides in Jackson, Ga. It is pictured below.



Department of Finance

SPLOST

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	103,516.39
September	109,028.64	112,879.25	118,514.39	115,238.12
October	107,101.11	109,127.78	110,251.65	115,946.61
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	451,603.90

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