

January 2024

Volume 5, Issue 1

## Christmas Tree Pick Up

The City of Perry will pick up Christmas trees and evergreen garlands or wreaths from residential areas on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Trees should have all decorations removed. Please do not place trees or greenery in disposal bags. Trees and greenery should be placed by the curb by 7:00 am to assure pickup.

Please call City Hall at 515-465-2481 if you have any questions.

## City of Perry Snow Ordinances

*This is going to be a snowy and cold winter. Let's work together to make it easier for the streets to be cleared!*

**Vehicles:** No person shall park any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during a snow emergency unless the snow has been removed with the streets fully open and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency shall be defined as any accumulation of snow in the amount of one-half inch or more.

*Removing snow from the sidewalks in a timely manner is very important! Please do your part to give people a*

*safe place to walk – especially for the students in areas around the schools!*

**Sidewalks:** Property owners in the residential district must remove snow, ice or accumulations within forty-eight (48) hours and property owners in the business district must remove snow, ice or accumulations within twelve (12) hours from when snow, ice or accumulation ceases to fall on the sidewalks.

If this does not occur, the City may perform the work and assess the costs against the property owners for collection in the same manner as property tax.

## Annual Rental Property Registration & Fee

The Perry City Council passed an Ordinance that requires owners of rental properties to register all of their rental properties with the City of Perry. If you have not already registered, please register your rental properties on-line at [www.perryia.org](http://www.perryia.org) or at Perry City Hall, 1102 Willis Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Perry, Iowa. The Rental Permit Fee is \$25.00 per rental unit, payable every year. Property owners will be invoiced on an annual basis. Inspections will be performed every other year on rental properties.

## Dog Park Passes Available Now!

Get your 2024 Dog Park Permit now! The dog park permit is effective until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024. Cost for the permit is \$20 for the first dog in a household and \$10 for each additional dog, with a limit of three dogs. Perry residents must have a current pet license in order to purchase a dog park permit. Day passes are also available for \$2 per dog. A Dog Park Permit would make a great gift for your four-legged friend! For more information, call the McCreary Community Building at 515-465-5621 or email [mcb@perryia.org](mailto:mcb@perryia.org).

Don't Forget ... Pet owners within Perry city limits with cats and dogs over six months of age must obtain or renew their pet license by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The fee is \$5 for altered animals and \$20 for non-altered animals. Owners must show proof of rabies vaccination. Get your tags at the McCreary Center, 1800 Pattee Street.

**FAMILY** Thrives Here ↕

**BUSINESS** Thrives Here ↕

**ADVENTURE** Thrives Here ↕

**PERRY PRIDE** Thrives Here ↕

## Perry Parks and Rec Dept. News and Events

### MCB Memberships

Looking for a way to help you meet your New Year's resolution? Don't forget about the McCreary Center and all they have to offer! The McCreary Center is a place for all ages! Inside you will find a gymnasium, pool, hot tub, sauna and fully equipped studio spaces for those who want a more secluded workout. The 24-hour fitness room is also included in the membership. We now also have a Child Watch Program available, Monday through Thursday from 4pm-8pm. This is for children ages 6 weeks to 8 years old. It is \$5 per child, with a time limit of 1.5 hours.

Parent's are not allowed to leave the facility, while their child is in the program.

For information on membership types, pricing and payment options, please contact the McCreary Center at 515-465-5621.

### Fitness Classes at the McCreary Building

Looking for a way to stay active during the colder months? Don't miss out and get signed up for one of the many fitness classes. The McCreary Center offers a wide variety of classes for all ages and fitness levels. We offer Zumba, Zumba Strong, Water Fitness, HIIT, and Yoga.

We also offer a Private Fitness Room that can be rented/reserved for only \$5!

For more information, please call the MCB at 515-465-5621.

### Please Help Curb the Feral Cat Population

The City of Perry needs the community's help to curb the feral cat population. The city's cost to deal with this issue is rising and we are looking at ways to try to control this situation. These cats reproduce at an alarming rate since they are not spayed or neutered. They then mingle with family pets that are allowed to roam freely creating sometimes more unwanted litters or sickness.

There are several other problems that arise from this uncontrolled population. Incidents of bites and scratches are commonly reported from these untreated and unvaccinated cats. These wounds can be quite painful and can potentially spread disease such as rabies to humans. The colonies can also spread diseases and infestations to family pets. Preferred wildlife such as song birds, rabbits and squirrels are greatly affected also as these cats use them as a food source.

Here is how you can help:

Do not feed feral cats (Violation of City Code 55.17).

Make sure possible food sources such as household trash is secured in your bin.

Do not leave water sources outside.

Do not allow your own cat to roam freely (Violation of City Code 55.07).

Close up areas they can take shelter such as sheds, garages and porch areas.

And most importantly - Spay and neuter all of your pets!

Once anyone begins feeding and taking care of feral or stray cats, you are taking on responsibility and ownership. Like dogs, it is against city code to allow your cat to roam free in town. Both cats and dogs are required to be registered with the City of Perry with the tag being displayed on the collar or harness.

If animals are located and the owners are not immediately identified, they will be picked up and transported to the animal control center where you will have to pay a fee to retrieve them. All unclaimed animals are then turned over to the Raccoon River Pet Rescue at a cost to the city.

#### **Perry City Hall**

1102 Willis Avenue, Suite 300  
PO Box 545

Perry, IA 50220

**515-465-2481**

[www.perryia.org](http://www.perryia.org)

#### **Other City Phone Numbers:**

Garbage/Recycling: 515-465-2481

Building Permits: 515-465-4100

Compliance: 515-465-4100

Police Department: 515-465-4636

Fire Department: 515-465-4285

Perry Public Library: 515-465-3569

Carnegie Library: 515-465-7713

Violet Hill Cemetery: 515-465-2755

McCreary Building: 515-465-5621

○ Parks and Recreation

○ Shelter Rental

○ Swimming Pool

Public Works Shop: 515-465-2675

Airport: 515-465-3970

Animal Control Facility: 515-443-0015

Water Works Office: 515-465-2562