



CITY NEWS

A Different Kind of Growth

Industrial/commercial growth has dominated Perham’s growth and construction in recent years, with many millions of dollars spent on projects such as the expansion at Industrial Finishing Service, Tuffy’s factory, expansion at Swan Machine/KitMasters, upgrades at Bongards, new Perham Health, and additions at KLN facilities.

Expansion has taken on a different look in 2016, and now retail is dominating growth in the marketplace. This is a mix of new construction and conversion of former facilities. This includes:

- Nest is under construction in Happel Addition, this new 5,700 sf facility will house the coffee services, kitchen and housewares currently found in The Wild Goose. They will open late fall.
- Whisk from Scratch opened this summer in the former location of the downtown Verizon store. All of their foods are made from scratch.
- Harmonious Architecture, specializing in residential architecture has purchased the former Perham Bakery facility and will move mid September following a comprehensive restoration of the historic building. Studio 60 photographic studio will be located upstairs.
- Second Hand Boutique and Furniture opened in the former Greenspire building.
- Disgruntled Brewery constructed a new 5,000 sf facility in Perham Industrial Park.
- Schoeneberger Funeral Home will be building a new 10,000 sf facility adjacent to the Tesoro and Super 8 in Palubicki Addition.
- Refreshing Designs moved into the former Station House building, and undertook a comprehensive interior and exterior re-design.
- Pizza Ranch moved from their longtime downtown location to a new 6,000 sf eatery in the old Dean’s building.



Apartment construction has been at the forefront of residential construction in recent years. 2016 follows this trend, with the 24-unit Meadows townhomes (four 6-unit buildings) under construction near Perham Health and the construction of the 24-unit Grow Perham apartment building near Shopko to start late summer. ~Chuck Johnson, EDA Director

WHO IS THE NEW GUY?



Greetings City of Perham! I would just like to introduce myself and let you all know how grateful I am to be part of such a wonderful community. I venture all the way from Frazee, where I have been the last 9 years. It has been a great transition so far and I am excited each day to get more acquainted with Perham. If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your city, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you!
~Jon Smith, City Manager

Thank you from Landmark Liquor

Thank you for shopping Landmark Liquors! By shopping locally, you help us support many local projects and lower your property taxes. Our goal is to provide you with convenient, one-stop shopping for all of your adult beverage needs in a friendly, hometown environment with great customer service.

Our Wine Rewards card has become very popular with our wine customers. Once you have purchased nine bottles of wine, your tenth bottle will be 50% off! Stop in and pick one up today!

For all your beverage needs for the upcoming holiday season, look no further than Landmark Liquors in Perham. Our large and varied selection of beer, liquor and wine will provide you with everything you need to entertain a large group or a family gathering. The first aisle of our store,



named the Celebration Center, will again be stocked with suggested items for your holiday events offered at discounted prices. Let us help you plan your beverage selection for the perfect holiday party.

The event of the season, Landmark Liquors’ Holiday Open House, will be held on Thursday, December 1st from 4:00 to 7:00. Around twenty of our vendors will sample over 100 items and all items being sampled will be on sale during the event. It’s your greatest opportunity to try before you buy and get some excellent holiday entertaining ideas. The Vikings play the Dallas Cowboys at 7:30 that night, so grab some friends and let us provide your pregame party!

We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you soon at Landmark Liquors!

~Bob Dreger, Liquor Store Manager

Library Open House in Honor of its Friends



The Perham Area Public Library will be spending the week of October 16-22, 2016, celebrating its Friends of the Library group as part of the 11th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week. The Friends of the Perham Library was established in 2007 and has raised funds to support many essential programs and activities of the library such as supporting the annual children's summer reading program, purchasing downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, purchasing computer equipment, and sponsoring numerous author events for children and adults. The Friends firmly believe that a vibrant library system is the heart and soul of a successful community and they step up to the plate to help the library provide the best possible service. Stop in to the Perham Library to celebrate the Friends of the Library on Wednesday, October 18 during an open house from 10am-5pm. Interested in joining the Friends? It's easy! Information is available at the library. Give us a call at 218-346-4892 or check out the Friends of the Library web page at www.perhamlibrary.org.

~Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Head Librarian

Are You Registered to Vote?

Due to the Presidential Election, you will most likely experience long lines at the polls. If you are not a registered voter, please stop by the City Office to complete a "Minnesota Voter Registration Application". This short form is easy to complete and must be submitted to Otter Tail County by October 18 in order to be registered to vote for the General Election. You can also register on-line at

mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us.

If you recently turned 18, you are eligible to vote, remember to register.



Persons requesting absentee ballots should contact the County Auditor's Office at (218) 998-8030. Absentee voting will start on September 23rd.

The City Hall Council Chambers serves as the polling place for City residents and will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8, for the General Election.

Winter Parking Restrictions

A snow emergency is in effect if we receive 2 or more inches of snow. For up to date snow emergency information visit www.cityofperham.com.



**Are you tired of renting?
Are you thinking of buying a home?**

Interest rates are still low! You may be able to own a home with costs similar to what you may now be spending on rent! Just think; you can paint the walls, plant a garden, not have to listen to noise from your upstairs neighbor! The Perham Housing and Redevelopment Authority has funds available to help with down payment and closing costs. If you work in Perham or within a half mile of the city limits and are purchasing a home in Perham you may qualify for these funds. \$3,000 is available in the form of a zero interest, 30 year deferred mortgage. You can't go wrong. To find out if you qualify for the HRA's Down Payment Assistance Program funds call Mary at 346-4582 or stop in at City Hall during regular business hours. There may never be a better time to for you to purchase your home!

Minnesota Cold Weather Rule



During the period of October 15 and April 15, Perham Natural Gas System will not disconnect natural gas service to a residential customer who is delinquent in payment of their utility bill **when one of the following conditions are met:**

1. The customer has declared an inability to pay in writing on forms provided by the Perham Natural Gas System.
2. The customer's household income is at or below 50% of the state median household income as documented by the customer to the city.
3. The customer has entered into a mutually acceptable payment agreement and is reasonably current with payment under the schedule.

The Cold Weather Rule **does not** totally **forbid winter shutoffs**. If you receive a disconnection notice this winter, **you must act promptly!** Please contact our office immediately at (218) 346-4455 or toll free (877) 864-7963.

If you need assistance paying your natural gas bills, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. To find out if you qualify and how to apply, contact the Detroit Lakes Mahube Community Council, 1125 West River Rd, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, (218) 847-1385 or (888) 458-1385, or Wadena Mahube Community Council, 311 Jefferson St S, Wadena, MN 56482, (218) 632-3600 or (888) 458-1385, Salvation Army, (800) 842-7279, or First Call for Help, 211.

CITY CALENDAR

Regular monthly meetings held by the City of Perham:

- Committee of the Whole
- Council
- EDA
- HRA
- Library Board
- Parks & Recreation
- Planning Commission

Please visit our website at www.cityofperham.com for upcoming meeting dates, times, and locations.

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