

# CITY NEWS



April—August 2024

## 2024 Main Street Revitalization Project



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Exciting news ahead! In 2024, Main Street in Perham will undergo a much-needed transformation. Specifically, County Highway 80, encompassing our cherished Main Street, will be revitalized, spanning from Highway 10 E to Highway 10 W with most of the work concentrated in town. It's been since the mid to late 90s that Main Street received attention, and if you've navigated its surface lately, you'll understand the urgency for this update.

Both the City and Chamber of Commerce teams have been diligently preparing for this endeavor, with the construction set to commence in early spring. To keep everyone informed and engaged, the Chamber will establish a dedicated webpage on [Perham.com](http://Perham.com), serving as the central hub for all Main Street project-related communications.

Expect regular updates, weekly meetings, a real-time GIS construction map, and prominent road and sidewalk signage to assist you throughout the construction period. Your cooperation and patience are greatly appreciated as we work to enhance our beloved Main Street.

For more details and updates, visit [perham.com/2024msrp](http://perham.com/2024msrp) or scan the QR code.



**PERHAM**  
**NATURAL GAS**  
218.346.4455

### 5 safety tips for natural gas at your home

1. If you smell rotten eggs, go outside, and call your utility provider or 911.
2. Regularly maintain your natural gas appliances.
3. Make sure you know where your natural gas appliance shut offs are located.
4. Install a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home.
5. Keep your natural gas appliance vents clean and free of obstructions.

## Automatic Payment – Pay Your City Utility Bill On Time/No Worries/Hassle Free

The City offers automatic payment for utility customers. You can sign up for automatic payment from your checking or savings account to pay your monthly utility bill. The automatic payment will be taken out of your bank account on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. You will continue to receive monthly statements. Using this service through the City of Perham saves you time and money. No more check writing, bank bill pay checks, or worrying about your payment being on time. Automatic payment through us is a terrific way to ensure your payments are always paid on time with no extra costs or penalties. For more information, please visit [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com), stop in, or call the City Office at (218) 346-4455.



We also offer an online service, where you can view and/or pay your bills online. This service also allows for recurring payments through a checking or savings account or credit card. When using a credit card, processing fees will apply. Please visit [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com) for more information.

### SPRING CLEAN-UP



### Clean up Day

Tentatively Saturday, May 18, 2024, will be the annual City of Perham curbside pickup for items not normally picked up during weekly recycling or garbage pickup. These items

include furniture, appliances, TV's, tires etc. All items must have a tag attached to them and be curbside by 8 a.m. Two tags will be mailed with the utility bills and extra tags will be available at the City Office. There is a fee for each item picked up.



### NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Perham will do their spring 2024 hydrant flushing, weather permitting, beginning at 10 p.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup> and finishing on or before May 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this you might notice discolored water or particles in your water faucets. This should only last for a short time. The purpose of the flushing is to clean out the deposits that accumulate in the water main.



### Yard Waste

Steve's Sanitation picks up yard waste (grass & leaves) in town every Wednesday from April 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please put yard waste in containers no larger than 35 gallons, and avoid using plastic bags. The City of Perham picks up brush and branches the last Wednesday of the month from April through October. The branches must be separate from other yard waste, not more than 4 inches in diameter, and may not be any longer than 4 feet. All yard waste must be curbside by 7:00 am. The compost site is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**for residents that live within the City of Perham.**



### Are You Registered To Vote?

It's easy, just fill out a voter registration form and return it in person or by mail to your county auditor or the Secretary of State. Voter registration forms are available at county courthouses, city halls and other public buildings throughout the state or on the internet at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

### Election Judges

If you are interested in serving as an Election Judge, please contact Heather Hoeft at (218) 346-9796 or by email at [hhoeft@cityofperham.com](mailto:hhoeft@cityofperham.com). You must be available to attend a 2-hour training session and work on the following dates: Primary Election (August 13) and General Election (November 5).

### General Election

The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polling hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Along with Federal, State, and County offices, the following local offices will be filled at that time:

Mayor (two -year term) and two Council Members (four-year terms). The candidate filing period for these positions is July 30, 2024 until August 13, 2024 at 5 pm.

If you have any questions regarding elections, please contact Heather Hoeft by email at [hhoeft@cityofperham.com](mailto:hhoeft@cityofperham.com) or (218) 346-9796.

### Solar Eclipse Viewing Glasses Available at the Perham Library!



On Monday April 8, 2024 a solar eclipse will cross the United States. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon crosses between the earth and the sun partially or totally blocking the view of the face of the sun. On April 8 the total eclipse will happen south of us over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. However, people in our area will still be able to see a partial eclipse with 60-65% of the sun's face obscured (12:50-3:10pm in Perham). It is not safe to look at a solar eclipse without specialized eye protection or solar viewing glasses (eclipse glasses). Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Nasa's website (<https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters>) includes a list of credible suppliers of safe solar viewing glasses and filters and the library has a small supply of solar viewing glasses purchased through one of these suppliers available for free to our community. For eclipse information or to pick up a pair of eclipse glasses (while supplies last) stop into the library!

For more information on the library and its programs and activities, visit: [www.perhamlibrary.org](http://www.perhamlibrary.org), or, our Facebook page: Perham Area Public Library, or call (218) 346-4892.



We encourage every household to take part to help reduce their garbage. If you need a recycling container, please call the City Office at (218) 346-4455. Visit [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com) for the pickup schedule.

### Arbor Day—Updates!

In a change from years past, the City along with the Perham Rotary will be doing its annual Arbor Day Tree Planting on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. However, to increase efficiency and growth, the City will be choosing the tree locations, moving to different quadrants of the City from year to year. Efforts will be focused on areas of recent Street projects. This year we will be looking in the Kraus Park area to help replace disrupted trees from the recent project. If you see markings or people in the boulevard the week leading up to May 4<sup>th</sup>, you are more than likely getting a new tree!

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at (218) 346-4455.



Arbor Day Foundation

Summer is coming—Don't forget to watch out for pedestrians at crosswalks and street corners!



## CITY CALENDAR

### Mark your Calendars!

- Fire Hydrant Flushing, April 14-May 3
- Arbor Day, May 4th
- Clean-up Day, May 18th
- Hazardous Waste Drop-off, July 11th  
10:00am -2:00 pm at the City Garage

Regular monthly meetings held by the City of Perham:

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

Please visit our website at [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com) for upcoming meeting dates, times, and locations.

### ProgressivePerham.com

Are you looking for a job or a place to live? Check out ProgressivePerham.com!



**HOUSING-** If you have an open/vacant rental unit, contact Elsy at [eguzman@cityofperham.com](mailto:eguzman@cityofperham.com) to get it posted on the website. Watch our **Rental Bulletin Board** for available units in and around town!

**JOBS-** ProgressivePerham.com interlinks with state job posting side **Minnesota-taworks.net**. We also have a link to the **Otter Tail County Jobs Portal** where you can find jobs listed in Perham and the surrounding area!

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