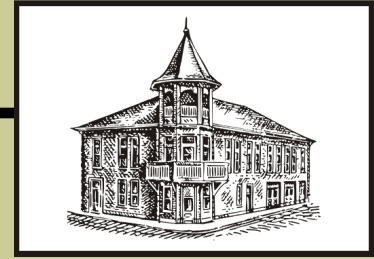


CITY NEWS



April—September 2025

Reminder: Register Your Rental Property with the City of Perham

Attention rental property owners! The City of Perham requires all rental properties to be registered. If you own a rental unit within city limits, make sure you complete your registration to stay in compliance with local regulations.

Why register?

- ✓ Ensures safety standards for tenants
- ✓ Helps the city maintain accurate property records
- ✓ Avoids potential fines for non-compliance



Don't wait – register your property today! For more information or to complete the registration process visit www.cityofperham.com/rental-housing or contact the city office at (218) 346-4455.

~ Amanda Miller, EDA/HRA Assistant

Friends of the Perham Area Public Library USED JEWELRY SALE



Turtle Fest Week 2025!!



Main Street Reconstruct Project: A Success Built on Teamwork and Community Support

The City of Perham is excited to celebrate the successful completion of the 2024 Main Street Reconstruct Project, which has revitalized the heart of our community with improved infrastructure and a fresh new look. Thanks to a combination of favorable construction weather and a dedicated team of contractors and engineers who stayed on schedule, Main Street has been transformed—on time and ready for all to enjoy.

While the major construction work is complete, there are still a few finishing touches to be wrapped up in the coming months. Minor landscaping, park elements, and final signage adjustments are still in progress, but these small items will not significantly impact the use of our newly improved streets and sidewalks. We appreciate everyone's continued patience as these last details are completed.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to the businesses along Main Street for their patience and resilience throughout the construction process. Your commitment to serving our community, even amidst road closures and detours, was truly appreciated. A big thank you also goes out to the residents of the Perham area for continuing to support these businesses during construction—your loyalty kept our local economy thriving.

Now that the project is complete, we invite everyone to visit and experience the newly reconstructed Main Street! Whether you're shopping, dining, or simply taking a stroll, we hope you enjoy the fresh, revitalized heart of our city.

Thank you, Perham, for making this project a success. We'll see you on Main Street!

~Nick Murdock, EDA Director

Public Nuisance

To ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our community, Perham City Code 92 addresses public nuisances. These nuisances include noxious weeds, excessive noise, rubbish accumulation, obstructed roadways and sidewalks, overgrown grass, and exceeding the limit of four registered and operable vehicles per dwelling unit.

These regulations, along with others, are in place to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for residents, neighbors, and visitors alike. Please do your part by keeping your property and surrounding areas clear of nuisances, showing respect for those around you, and helping preserve the quality of our community.

~ Jonathan Smith, City Manager

Automatic Payment – Pay Your City Utility Bill On Time/No Credit or Debit Card Fees

The City offers automatic payment for our 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 22nd 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, requesting bank bill pay checks or worrying about your payment being on time or lost in the mail. We are still seeing a delay in the bank bill pay service from time to time. Automatic payment through us is a terrific way to ensure your payments are always paid on time with no past due penalties added to your utility account. For more information, please call the City Office at 218-346-4455.

We also offer an online payment service. This service is separate from our office and allows you to view and pay your bills. This service also allows for recurring payments through a checking or savings account or credit card. Please visit our website for more information at www.cityofperham.com.

~ Julie Kempenich, Utility Billing Clerk



It's a Toilet, Not a Trash Can!

Never flush the following items (or put down the garbage disposal or drain). Toss them in the trash instead.



- Baby/Facial/Cleaning Wipes
- Tampons
- Sanitary Napkins
- Medication
- Hair
- Dental Floss
- Cotton Swabs/Balls
- Bandages
- Rags and Towels
- Rubber Items (like latex gloves)
- Fat, Cooking Oil, Grease

- Clothing Labels
- Candy/Food Wrappers
- Syringes
- Cigarette Butts
- Disposable Toilet Brushes
- Kitty Litter
- Aquarium Gravel
- Plastic Items
- Diapers
- Fruit Stickers
- Paper Towels

Clean up Day

Tentatively Saturday, May 17th, 2025, 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. One item must have a form attached to it and be curbside by 7 a.m. The forms will be mailed with the utility bills or can be picked up at the City Office. Each item left on the curb will have a fee.

SPRING CLEAN-UP



NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Perham will do their spring 2025 hydrant flushing, weather permitting, beginning at 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 20th and finishing on or before Friday, May 2nd. 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.



New Radar Signs

We recently acquired two radar signs that can be placed in various locations around town to encourage safe driving and raise awareness of other traffic and pedestrians enjoying our many miles of walking trails.

~ James Gritz, Police Chief

Building Permits Required

Building Permits are not only required for new construction, but also for additions, renovations, demolitions, prefabricated structures, temporary buildings, manufactured homes, electrical systems, plumbing systems, HVAC systems, decks, fences, etc.

Need a building permit? Please visit our website at www.cityofperham.com. Have a question? Please contact our Building Official, Ben Riewer at (218) 346-9800.



Keep Meter Clear

Please help keep brush and bushes clear from around your gas meter.

Never allow trees or large bushes to grow around the meter. ~Jeremie Schossow, Public Works Director



Air Quality Sensor Project

The City of Perham and the Perham Area Public Library have joined an Air Quality Assessment project headed by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. The tribal organization has received federal grant funds to purchase air quality sensors to be installed in communities surrounding their tribal service areas to measure particulate matter and air quality. We have been included as an expansion community to increase the air-quality sensor saturation in the area in and around the Band's service districts. The sensor is currently in place on the library building and data is being collected and transmitted to the project headquarters. The project will gather and make available real-time air quality data for the entire region in order to increase awareness and general data access. The Library plans to offer a community program on air quality later in the year.

~ Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Librarian

Save the Date! Arbor Day tree planting is May 3rd, 2025. Please call City Hall for more information at (218) 346-4455.



All Parks **OPEN**
May 1st!
Enjoy the outdoors!

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CITY CALENDAR

Mark your Calendars!

—Fire Hydrant Flushing, April 20-May 2

—Arbor Day, May 3rd

—Clean-up Day, May 17th

—Hazardous Waste Drop-off, July 10th

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 for upcoming meeting dates, times, and locations.