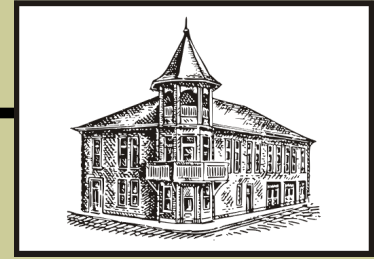


# CITY NEWS



April—September 2026



### Grass and Weed Maintenance

The City Ordinances 92.35 – 92.39 cover the responsibilities of the property owner and occupant to maintain their land within the city limits. The ordinance states that no weeds, grass, or vegetative coverage shall be higher

than 8 inches at any time and that all noxious weeds need to be destroyed on land within the city limits. The ordinance will be published on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to remind owners and occupants of the requirements (8 inches or less) and if not met, the City will take action to correct the problem. Please note that the minimum charge for the City to correct the action is \$200.00 plus the hourly cost for labor and equipment. If the bill is not paid, the City has the authority to assess the charges to the property owner. We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain an attractive community.



If you are planning on doing any digging around your home, remember to call Gopher One Call number (800) 252-1166. This is a regulatory mandate as state law requires and it's a free service. There is a required waiting period, normally 48 hours, after the call before any digging is to be done. Each utility that has services in the area will be notified and will have a trained technician mark the location of their utility. Respect the marks that are placed on the ground because they are showing what is under the ground. Dig safely and with care by the utilities.



The Summer Reading program for children begins on Tuesday May 26 and will run throughout the months of June and July! Stop into the library to register after May 26th or look for more information on the library's website: [www.perhamlibrary.org](http://www.perhamlibrary.org) in May.



**Clean up Day** is tentatively Saturday, May 16, 2026. This annual City of Perham curbside pickup provides residents with an opportunity to dispose of items that are not typically collected during weekly garbage service. Accepted items include furniture, appliances, televisions, tires, and similar household items. All items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day. The clean up day form will be mailed with the utility bills. Only one form is needed for all items placed on the curb. There is a fee for each item picked up.

**Save the Date!** Arbor Day tree planting is May 2, 2026. Please call City Hall for more information at (218) 346-4455.



All City Parks **OPEN** as of May 1st! If you would like to reserve a shelter at Paul Miller Park, call City Hall at (218) 346-4455. Happy Spring!

### Wine Pairing Made Simple: A Guide by Landmark Liquors

Choosing the right wine doesn't have to be complicated. By understanding a few of the basic categories (red, white, dry, and sweet) you can confidently pair wine with almost any meal for any time of year!

#### Red Wines

Red wines tend to be bold and rich, making them a natural match for hearty foods. Think of steak, burgers, lamb, or anything grilled. The tannins in red wine help cut through fat and enhance savory flavors. **Landmark's Pick: Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon**

#### White Wines

White wines are typically lighter and more refreshing. They are well paired with chicken, seafood, salads, and lighter pasta dishes. Crisp whites can also balance creamy sauces beautifully. **Landmarks Pick: Clos Du Bois Chardonnay**

#### Dry Wines

Dry wines have little to no residual sugar, giving them a clean, crisp finish. These wines are versatile and food-friendly, great with everything from roasted vegetables to cheeses and lean proteins. **Landmark's Pick: Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc**

#### Sweet Wines

Sweet wines shine when paired with desserts, but they're also excellent with spicy foods. The sweetness helps cool heat and create balance. Try them with barbecue, Asian cuisine, or fruit-based desserts. **Landmark's Pick: Risata Moscato D'asti**

#### The Bottom Line

A simple rule: match intensity. Bold foods with bold wines, light foods with lighter wines. And most importantly, drink what you enjoy.





**Automatic Payment – Pay Your City Utility Bill On Time**

The City offers a convenient automatic payment option for utility customers. By enrolling, your monthly utility bill is automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the 22nd of each month—at no additional cost.

You will continue to receive monthly statements. *(If you wish to no longer receive paper statements, please contact City Hall.)* Signing up for automatic payments saves time and eliminates the hassle of writing checks, mailing payments, or relying on bank bill pay services. We continue to experience occasional delays with bank bill pay processing, which can result in late payments and penalties. Automatic payment through the City ensures your bill is paid on time every month, helping you avoid late fees. For more information, please call the City Office at (218) 346-4455.

We also offer an online payment service portal. This option allows you to view and pay your bills online and set up recurring payments using a checking account, savings account, or credit card, additional fees do apply to credit card payments. Visit [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com) for more details, click on Utility Bill Pay.



**Local Housing Programs**

No matter where you are in life, housing is essential. At times finding, maintaining, and keeping that housing can be difficult. The City of Perham and Otter Tail County have multiple housing programs that can be utilized at any point in your housing journey. Check out <https://progressiveperham.com/live-here/housing/> and <https://ottertailcounty.gov/assistance-and-support/housing-resources/> for full details on all programs. There are programs for renters, homebuyers, homeowners, landlord, and developers! You will find assistance with security deposits, rent payments, down payments, home rehabilitation and energy assistance to name a few. Some programs have income limitations so please review the guidelines and contact the Perham EDA if you have any questions. [nmurdock@cityofperham.com](mailto:nurdock@cityofperham.com) or (218) 346-9798.



A Road Trip Around Minnesota: Barn Quilt Trails by Photographer Jay Grammond will be held at the Perham Area Public Library on Thursday April 30th at 6:30 p.m. Minnesota is fortunate to have several Barn Quilt Trails, including several in Central Minnesota. Pieces of art that adorn the side of barns and buildings throughout the state are set up, not only to pay homage to heritage or interests, but to attract people into an area. Photographer Jay Grammond will lead you around the state to give you a sampling of the quilt trails and their attractions and entice you to create your own road trip! This event is FREE! Sponsored by Viking Library System and Perham Area Public Library and funded in part or in whole with funds from Minnesota's Arts and Heritage fund.



Spring is here, which means it's time for annual cleanup around our homes and neighborhoods. As you begin your seasonal projects, we'd like to take a moment to remind residents of important city ordinances related to nuisances and property maintenance.

Perham City Ordinance Chapter 92 addresses health and safety nuisances. This includes a wide range of conditions such as the accumulation of garbage or refuse, excessive weed growth, and other situations that may be considered unsightly. Additionally, Chapter 91 covers abandoned property, including vehicles. In general, vehicles parked on your property must be operable and currently licensed. Vehicles that are not operable or unlicensed must be stored in a garage or other enclosed shelter.

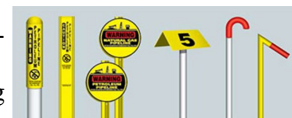
You can review both ordinances by visiting [www.cityofperham.com](http://www.cityofperham.com), click on City Ordinances.

In the coming weeks, officers will be out in the community identifying potential concerns. Their goal is to work collaboratively with residents to resolve any issues and help maintain the appearance and safety of our city.

We appreciate your cooperation and continued efforts to keep our community clean and looking great.

**Do you know how to recognize a pipeline right-of-way? Look for these signs located near roads, railroads & along the pipeline right-of-way**

- >Markers for pipeline patrol planes
- >Pipeline casing vent
- >Painted metal, plastic or fiberglass posts



**CITY CALENDAR**

**Mark your Calendars!**

- Fire Hydrant Flushing, April 19-May 1
- Arbor Day, May 2nd
- Clean-up Day, May 16th
- Hazardous Waste Drop-off, July 9th  
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.



The City of Perham will do their spring 2026 hydrant flushing, weather permitting, beginning at 10 p.m. on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and finishing on or before Friday, May 1<sup>st</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.

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