



# CITY NEWS

## Curbside Recycling All in One Cart



City of Perham 346-4455  
Steve's Sanitation 346-4834



-  No Needles/sharps.
-  No Food waste
-  No Garbage
-  No Styrofoam
-  No Plastic bags
-  No Scrap Metal
-  No Shredded paper

## Perham Area Public Library Update

During this time of Corona-virus and social distancing an update on the state of the library is in order! The library is currently open and operating in a somewhat reduced capacity. The library is open Monday-Saturday, but we do close EVERY day from 1-2pm to allow staff to disinfect all surfaces and take a lunch break. Apart from that one hour we are open Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm; Friday 10am-5pm; and Saturday 10am-1pm.



We also continue to offer curbside pickup services for those who prefer not to come into the building. Just give us a call to take advantage of this service. We ask that people who come into our building limit their time to a maximum of 30 minutes and use hand sanitizer and masks upon entering. Our wireless is still available, as are our public computers. Our meeting rooms and study rooms are not open for use at this time.

All library items are currently checked out for 3 weeks. When items are returned to the library, everything is quarantined for 3 days before it is checked in. If you have recently returned an item and you receive an overdue notice for it, please keep this 3-day delay in mind. Overdue fines have been temporarily suspended so that there is no chance of fines accruing during the quarantine period. If you receive an overdue notice for something that was returned earlier than three days prior, please give us a call so that we can hunt it down!

We are attempting to provide some of our regular program offerings, albeit in a different manner. We do have several upcoming programs planned for this fall via an online platform (either Facebook Live or YouTube Live) so that people can attend in the comfort of their own living room. All of our program listings can be found on our website at [www.perhamlibrary.org](http://www.perhamlibrary.org).

~Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Head Librarian

## Election Information

**General Election** The 2020 Presidential Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020. 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).

**Are You Registered To Vote?** Register in advance by October 13 to save time on Election Day. 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).

**Vote absentee by mail** Absentee ballots will be available 46 days before the election. Minnesota voters no longer need a reason to vote absentee. To receive an absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application. After the County receives your absentee ballot application, your absentee ballot will be mailed or delivered to you as soon as they are available. You may fax or email your applications to: (218) 998-8042 or [vmanderu@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:vmanderu@co.ottertail.mn.us).

**Vote absentee in person** You can also vote absentee in person at the following location:

Otter Tail County Auditor/Treasurer Office  
Government Services Center  
510 W Fir Ave  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537



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.

## Down Payment Assistance Available

Home buyers in the City of Perham can benefit from the **Down Payment Assistance Program** through the Perham HRA and EDA! Qualified home buyers are eligible for up to a \$10,000 deferred loan to help with their down payment. More details about this program are available on [progressiveperham.com](http://progressiveperham.com) under Housing / Housing Incentives, call Hope at (218)346-4582 ,or email [hwilliams@cityofperham.com](mailto:hwilliams@cityofperham.com) for details.



**Landmark Liquors**

As we enter the fall of 2020, our thoughts turn to cooler weather and the upcoming holiday season. This has been a very different year and finding safe ways to spend time with family and friends is important to all of us. The staff at Landmark Liquors is here to help you with all your in-home entertaining needs. You will love our large selection and great prices. If there should happen to be something you want that we don't currently stock, just ask. We will be happy to order it in for you.

Landmark Liquors' Holiday Open House is widely known by our customers and vendors as the premier tasting gathering of the year. This year, the event is planned for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm. All of us are hoping that the regulations on social gatherings are loosened up by that time and everything can go off as planned. Grab a bunch of friends and make it a fun night out, you deserve it!

Thank you for shopping at Landmark Liquors, where 100% of our profits benefit the local area. We appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you soon.

~Bob Dreger, Liquor Store Manager

**What is HeatShare?** HeatShare is a voluntary nongovernmental program of the Salvation Army that has been in existence since 1982. When you give to HeatShare, you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities, and others who have nowhere else to turn. HeatShare provides financial assistance on a year-round basis and is used for natural gas, oil, propane, wood, and electricity.

**How does HeatShare help?** Seniors with low income and no alternate source of help; People with disabilities who are limited in their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy costs; People who have an unexpected crisis and as a result cannot pay for household energy bills.

**How can I support my neighbor?** You can give the gift of heat by sending a tax-deductible donation to:



The Salvation Army  
HeatShare Program  
2445 Prior Avenue  
Roseville, MN 55113  
\* Please make checks payable to HeatShare  
[www.heatshare.org](http://www.heatshare.org) 1-(800)842-7279

**View and pay your City of Perham utility bill online at:**

<https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com>



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(888) 262-3837 Utility Emergency

**Minnesota Cold Weather Rule**

During the period of October 15 through April 15, Perham Natural Gas (PNG) 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:**



\* **The customer** has declared in writing an inability to pay on forms provided by Perham Natural Gas. In order to qualify you must provide proof of income (prior year completed tax forms) for all household members along with the MN Cold Weather Rule Application.

\* **The customer's** household income is at or below 50% of the state median household income as documented by the customer to the city.

\* **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 to review your account.

If you need assistance paying your natural gas bills, you may qualify for state or federal heating assistance. To find out if you qualify and how to apply, contact Mahube-Otwa, 1125 West River Rd, Detroit Lakes at 218-847-1385, Mahube-Otwa, 311 Jefferson St S, Wadena at 218-632-3600, Mahube-Otwa, 128 W Cavour Ave, Fergus Falls at 218-739-3011. You can also contact the Salvation Army Heat Share Program at 800-842-7279 or First Call for Help at 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](http://www.cityofperham.com) for upcoming meeting dates, times, and locations.