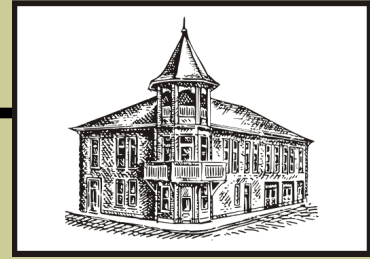


CITY NEWS



September 2023-March 2024

1 Block off Hwy. 10 on 78



Landmark LIQUORS

Plenty of parking for trailers & RV's

Open Mon.-Sat. 9am-10pm
Sunday 11am-4pm

The Largest Selection of Beer, Wine & Spirits in the area!

This fall will be an exciting time for bourbon lovers at Landmark Liquors. We will be having not one, but two Bourbon Lotteries coming to Landmark Liquors! The first lottery will be held on Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 am. The second lottery will be on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 am. Each lottery will feature 25 to 30 bottles of rare, limited-edition bottles of Blanton's, Eagle Rare, Larceny, E.H. Taylor, Buffalo Trace, Blood Oath and more. You can pick up your ticket beginning at 9:30 am. Customers whose tickets are drawn will be given the opportunity to purchase the bottle of their choice from the bottles on hand at that time. Whether you are a bourbon fan yourself or looking for that special gift for the bourbon lover in your life, don't miss these two opportunities to get one of these hard-to-find bottles!

December brings with it our annual Holiday Open House! This year it will be held on Thursday, December 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Once again, there will be around 20 of our vendors sampling over 100 types of beer, wine and spirits. This has always proven to be a fun event. Get some friends together for a fun (and free) night out at Landmark Liquors. You don't want to miss this one!

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

FOR RENT!

Are you a landlord or a tenant in a rental unit? Did you know that we have resources for you to list and view available units? We also want to make sure your rental is safe and secure, so we ask that you check to make sure the status of your rental is up to date. To find resources on Rental Housing Registration visit: www.cityofperham.com and look under Resident Services, Building Inspections or call 218-346-4455.

Snow Emergencies & Parking

Winter parking rules are in effect November 1st-April 30th. A Snow Emergency is declared when snowfall accumulates to two inches or more and remains in effect until the snow has been cleared from the streets to full width.

During a snow emergency it is unlawful for any parked vehicle to be on the street. Restrictions will remain in effect until the snow has been cleared to the full width of the street. A vehicle left on the street is subject to being towed and taken to a place of safety. Any vehicle that is removed will not be released until the towing and storage fees are paid. These charges are additional to any fines or penalties imposed from violating the parking restrictions.



**NOTICE
HYDRANT
FLUSHING**

The City of Perham will do their Fall 2023 hydrant flushing, weather permitting, beginning at 10 p.m. on October 15th and finishing on or before October 27th. During this time 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.

~Jeremie Schossow, Public Works Director

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 1-(800)842-7279



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay home heating costs for low-income households. This program is available for both renters and homeowners and is based on energy costs, household size and income. This would be for assistance in paying natural gas services as well as electricity, depending on your primary heating source. Other benefits available include furnace or water heater repair, insulating for efficiency or house weatherization to lower your heat bills.

MAHUBE-OTWA offices are located in Fergus Falls (218-739-3011), Detroit Lakes (218-847-1385) and Wadena (218-632-3600). Information can also be found on their website at www.mahube.org

Applications for the next program year will be available again in **September 2023**. If interested, call MAHUBE-OTWA to find out how you can apply for energy assistance for the upcoming heating season.

Real Estate Trends

The last time we reported on Real Estate Trends was 2021. Since then, a lot has changed, and yet, a lot has stayed the same. Interest rates for a conventional 30-year mortgage have increased to their highest levels since the early 2000’s and yet we are still maintaining somewhat consistent home sale numbers in the City of Perham.

We had a record number of sales closed in Summer of 2022 with 27 sales hitting the books in that three-month period. With that much demand, you’d think the price would be climbing as well, but that is where you’ll see the effects of the rising interest rates. The interest rates started rising in April of 2022, and since then, the average sale price has stabilized in the low \$200k range.

Below is a table showing the number of real estate sales within the City of Perham and the average price broken down into three-month time periods. ~Nick Murdock, EDA Director

Date	Number of sales	Average Sale Price
10/2019 - 12/2019	13	\$ 147,636.00
1/2020 - 3/2020	7	\$ 183,971.00
4/2020 - 6/2020	12	\$ 183,887.00
7/2020 - 9/2020	18	\$ 230,109.00
10/2020 - 12/2020	19	\$ 176,499.00
1/2021 - 3/2021	8	\$ 224,693.00
4/2021 - 6/2021	13	\$ 195,962.00
7/2021 - 9/2021	25	\$ 206,963.48
10/2021 - 12/2021	19	\$ 216,300.63
1/2022 - 3/2022	8	\$ 212,818.75
4/2022 - 6/2022	14	\$ 209,244.64
7/2022 - 9/2022	27	\$ 211,925.93
10/2022 - 12/2022	7	\$ 241,278.57
1/2023 - 3/2023	4	\$ 136,250.00
4/2023 - 6/2023	13	\$ 230,461.54



Library Bookmark Design Contest

The votes are in and the winners of our annual Bookmark Design Contest are here! Congratulations to Emma, Kylee, Hannah, and Kristine who will have their designs printed and distributed at the library for the next year. And though their designs won't be printed, we also wanted to showcase our runners-up and their wonderful designs.

Thank you to everyone who submitted designs this year, as well as those who helped us choose a winner by voting!

~Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Librarian



Minnesota Cold Weather Rule



During the period of October 1 through April 30, 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. To qualify you must provide proof of income (prior year completed tax forms or current Social Security Statement) 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 at any time of the year you receive a **disconnection notice, you must act promptly.** Do not wait until the Disconnection Date to call or return the cold weather application. Please contact our office immediately at 218-346-4455 or toll free 877-864-7963 to review your account and payment agreement assistance.

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, call the MAHUB-OTWA office in Detroit Lakes at 218-847-1385, in Wadena at 218-632-3600 and in 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.

 If there is a fire hydrant on your property, please clear a three-foot radius around the hydrant after each snow-fall. This will help reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up hoses if a fire occurs in your neighborhood. ~Jeremie Schossow, Public Works Director

 It’s important to remember to detach your garden hoses at the end of the season. Even if you have a “frost-free” spigot, you will need to remove the hose in the winter or run the risk of your pipes freezing and bursting. ~Jeremie Schossow, Public Works Director

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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