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April 2026 Edition

Spotlight:

Preventing Mosquito Bites

Excerpt from CDC's Article:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/prevention/index.html>

Protect yourself and your family

Mosquitoes bite day and night. They spread germs through bites that can make you sick. Prevent illness by protecting yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

Use insect repellent

Use proven EPA-registered insect repellents. Use EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

- DEET
- Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the United States)
- IR3535
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE)—A plant-derived ingredient
- Para-menthane-diol (PMD)
- 2-undecanone—A plant-derived ingredient

Tips for babies and children

- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Cover strollers and baby carriers with mosquito netting.

When using insect repellent on your child

- Always follow label instructions.
- Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- Do not apply repellent to a child's hands, eyes, mouth, cuts, or irritated skin.
- Adults: Apply repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

Tips for everyone

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply repellent as directed.
- Do not apply repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Wear protective clothing

- Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Wear clothing and gear treated with permethrin.
- Permethrin is an insecticide that kills or repels mosquitoes.
- Permethrin-treated clothing provides protection after multiple washings.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Mayor's Note:

Spring is springing and everywhere I look, the signs are there. It's hard to tell what I look forward to more: the buds on the trees that will soon blossom, the green leaves of the tulips that are working their way skywards to show off their vibrant colors, the seasonal ingredients that are at their best this time of year, or the kids zooming around town, knowing that they are on their way towards summer break and all of the freedom that comes with it!

At City Hall, we've been busy at trainings and conferences during the past couple of months, networking and learning about how we can better serve the residents of Peru. We are glad to be (mostly) back in the office and ready to put what we've learned to good use. Stop in and say hi the next time you are downtown!

Katy Novak
Mayor, City of Peru

CITY NOTICES:

(SEE NOTICES ON BACKSIDE)

- Your sewer rate may have been recalculated.
- Join Mayor Novak at the Mayor's Roundtable
- City Wide Cleanup is on Saturday, April 25th 2026 beginning at 9am.
- Please ensure that your dog or cat is registered with City Hall.

City Hall Notices:

- The Peru Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on April 1st in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- The Board of Health will meet on April 8th in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- The Peru City Council will meet on April 21st at 6pm CT in City Hall for a regular meeting.

Other Notices:

- Remember to fill out your request for a free NOAA radio from NPPD!
- Peru Plant Exchange will take place on May 16th from 9am - 12pm. Contact Marty Peregoy for more information.
- Consider following the City on Facebook for the most current information.

Mini Minutes:

From 03/17 City Council

The City Council met on 3/17/2026 at 6pm CT at City Hall.

At This Meeting Council:

APPROVED: Old Man River Days and Trunk or Treat Street Closures.

APPROVED: SDL for Kim Allgood for "BBQ Contest"

APPROVED: Bid for the Lease of Pasture Ground

APPROVED: Reimbursement of Plumber Bill due to Broken Meter

APPROVED: Building Permit Application @ 720 Washington St.

APPROVED: Quote for Repair of Sewer Line @ 5th St.

APPROVED: \$1,500 for Purchase of in-grade slide.

APPROVED: Auditing Services from HBE

CONSIDERED: Ordinance Decoupling Grant Coordinator and Deputy Clerk Positions

CONSIDERED: Ordinance Setting Wages

APPROVED: Resolution Amending Employee Handbook

APPROVED: Resolution Redefining On-Call Policy.

The full version of these minutes are available 10 business days after the meeting, at City Hall during business hours. Previous meeting minutes are available on our website!