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June 2026 Edition

Spotlight:

Firework Safety from the CPSC

For this month's spotlight, see the attached flyer with this newsletter!

Mayor's Note:

June in Peru is not for the faint of heart. The mosquitos, the mowing, and by the second week everyone has an opinion about humidity. I won't pretend it's my favorite season, but there is a lot worth showing up for this month, and I wanted to write to you about some of it.

One of my favorite places in town, Neal Park, needed some TLC. She is not an easy park to maintain, and the rain had made it difficult for staff to stay on top of. At our May meeting Council member Rachel Brown suggested that instead of contracting the work out, we try organizing a volunteer day. By the time you're reading this, that day will have either come and gone, or been rescheduled for better weather. I want to thank everyone who is working to help keep our city beautiful. If you want to be part of the next one, or you know of somewhere else in town that could use a few hands, reach out.

Speaking of pitching in, we have some open positions at the city right now. Think of it like volunteering, but paid. If you or someone you know might be a fit, reach out to City Hall or take a look at our openings. We could really use the help.

Which brings me to our staff. They are working hard right now, in the heat, on tight timelines, with a lot on their plates, and they have been short-handed on top of it. They don't always hear it, so I'll say it here. Thank you. You make this place run.

There's good stuff on the calendar too. Old Man River Days is coming up and you don't want to miss it. There's a BBQ competition, a kid's CARnival, and The Welcome Hunters are playing their 100th show. Bring your friends and enjoy the best of small-town summers!

That's all for now. Keep an eye on your neighbors, stay hydrated, meet me downtown and tell me what you're thinking. My door is open.

Katy Novak
Mayor, City of Peru

CITY NOTICES:

(SEE NOTICES ON BACKSIDE)

- **IMPORTANT:** Water Rate Increase for July 2026.
- Old Man River Days will be from June 5-7 this year. See list of street closures.
- Splashpad is now open!
- Tree Dump is closed temporarily.
- Dumping is not allowed at North-End.

City Hall Notices:

- The Peru Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on June 3rd in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- The Board of Health will meet on June 10th in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- The Peru City Council will meet on June 16th at 6pm CT in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- City Hall will be closed on Friday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

Other Notices:

- Feeding 44 is on the first Friday of every month!
- PERUPALOOZA will be every Wednesday in June and July @ 6:00pm. Please see the attached flyer!

Mini Minutes:

From 05/19 City Council

The City Council met on 5/19/2026 at 6pm CT at City Hall.

At This Meeting Council:

APPROVED: Closure of 5th Street for OMRD.

APPROVED: Purchase of Flowers for Downtown Beautification.

APPROVED: PVFD Membership Application.

APPROVED: Donation to Hearts United from Souper Bowl Fundraiser Proceeds.

APPROVED: Implementation of gWorks Utility Billing Software.

DISCUSSED: Neal Park Mowing Proposal from P. Wemhoff.

APPROVED: Purchase of Office Chairs and Purchase of Street Signs.

APPROVED: Transfer of Surplus Funds into NPAIT Investment Trust.

APPROVED: NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan.

DISCUSSED: Purchase of Additional Securities from WNB.

APPROVED: Repair of Gutters at City Hall.

APPROVED: Ordinances Relating to Wages for City Employees

APPROVED: Ordinance Splitting Grant Coordinator and Deputy Clerk Into Two Positions

The full minutes are available 10 business days after the meeting, at City Hall during business hours. Some items were left out due to space constraints. The previous meeting minutes are available on our website!