

* * * Peru City Newsletter * * *

November 2025 Edition

Mayor's Note:

Autumn in Peru is so special to me. Even though I grew up here, I never took for granted how beautiful and peaceful the town can be when the leaves are turning. Whether taking a walk at Mount Vernon Cemetery, taking in a football game at the Oak Bowl, riding bikes along the Steamboat Trace Trail or driving along Bluff Road overlooking the river valley, we are so fortunate to be able to experience some of the best foliage right in our back yard.

That same sense of peace and connection I feel on an autumn walk is what we strive to foster year-round in our community. Our town committees are essential to that effort, working to make Peru a better place to live, work, and visit. To continue this important work, I will soon be seeking residents to join these committees, which are the heart of our local government. If you have a passion for our community and are interested in learning more, I encourage you to complete our brief Committee Interest Survey. You can find it online (link: <https://tinyurl.com/peruvolunteersurvey>) or pick up a paper copy at City Hall. Your voice and your perspective are invaluable to our town's future.

~ Katy Novak, Peru City Mayor

Home Safety Tips:

* * Weatherization * *

With winter fast approaching, mid-fall is the perfect time to get your home ready for colder temperatures. Adding insulation to walls and ceilings helps keep warmth inside, while checking and sealing ductwork in unheated spaces can prevent significant heat loss and reduce energy bills. A well-insulated home stays more comfortable and efficient throughout the season.

Windows and doors are also key areas to prepare before winter sets in. Replace or seal older, drafty windows, install storm doors, and use caulk or weather-stripping to keep cold air out. Take advantage of sunny days by opening drapes to let in warmth and close them at night to retain it. These small weatherization steps can make a big difference in comfort and savings all winter long.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/efficiency-and-savings/energy-saving-tips/seasonal-saving-tips/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips>

CITY NOTICES:

(SEE NOTICES ON BACKSIDE)

- Remember to install home/building numbers on your property!
- The deadline to renew all pet licenses is January 1st! Renewal paperwork is at City Hall.
- As winter fast approaches, please make sure that you know the city's snow emergency procedures.

City Hall Notices:

- The Peru Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on November 5th at 6pm CT.
- The Peru City Council will meet on November 17th at 6pm CT in City Hall for a regular meeting.
- City Hall will be closed on the following dates; Nov. 11th, Nov. 27th, and Nov. 28th.

Other Notices:

- The splash pad has been turned off for the winter. We look forward to using it again next year!
- We have updated the website with meeting minutes and plan to post future meeting notices and agendas. More changes should be coming soon!
- Feeding 44 is the first Friday of each month at Peru State College. In November it will be on the 7th at 11:00am. Keep an eye on the College's Facebook page for any Feeding 44 updates.
- Consider following the City on Facebook for the most current information!

* * * CITY NOTICES * * *

You can find community notices and official city notices in the Community Bulletin Board next to City Hall, or in City Hall itself!

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HOUSE/BUILDING NUMBERS NOTICE | ORDINANCE 2023-10

Peru Residents,

Please make sure that your home or business has its proper building numbers installed outside in accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-10. This is in an effort to assist emergency personnel in identifying properties in an emergency and for other safety purposes. Numbers need to be clearly visible from the street and follow the city ordinance. You can find the criteria below.

CRITERIA: Numbers/Letters:

- Numbers must be visible from the street.
- Numbers should be on the home/building and mailbox if applicable. Numbers on pedestal signs are also acceptable.
- Numbers must contrast the color of the home/building.
- Numbers should be a minimum of 3" or larger.
- Numbers or letters should be assigned to individual apartment doors or separate residences.

Buildings that were not in compliance received a letter earlier this month. Please bring your building up to compliance if you have not already done so. The city plans to begin enforcing this ordinance in November. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

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2026 PET LICENSE RENEWAL | ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14

Attention Dog and Cat Owners,

The time is fast approaching for you to renew your pet licenses with the City! Any owner of a dog or cat over the age of six months needs to be licensed with the city annually or before January 1st of each year. Now is the time for you to make sure that your pets are up to date on their vaccinations before renewing your license! You can renew your license starting in December of this year for 2026. Please contact city hall with any questions by calling (402) 872-2237 or by emailing cityclerkcityofperu@gmail.com. Thank you!

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SNOW EMERGENCIES NOTICE | ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

Peru Residents,

As winter fast approaches, the city is reminding residents of our snow emergency procedure under Ordinance No. 2025-01. If a snow fall of 2 inches or higher is forecasted, the Mayor may declare a snow emergency. Please keep an eye on the city's website or our facebook page for any snow emergency notices.

If a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles must be moved off of any city highway or street. Vehicles may be towed at owners expense if you fail to move them. This is to ensure that the streets are safe and can be plowed/treated by the city when the snow arrives.

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