

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PERU

2016: YEAR IN REVIEW



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**Inaugural TBM Avenger Reunion
& Salute to Veterans**



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



More than any other time of year, the spirit of giving tends to be at the forefront of our minds during the holiday season. We see people giving donations, time and help to charities, communities, organizations and each other. If you look closely, you see people giving not just during the holidays, but every single day of the year.

At every council meeting throughout the year, I have observed elements of giving from individuals and community groups including the Friends for the Peru Pool Committee, Compassionate Friends, Peru Citizens

Service Organization, Buddy's Purpose, Cops 4 Cancer, J.A. and Morgan Happ, and the list goes on. Due to the efforts of many volunteers, including our volunteer board and commission members, our city continues to be full of Peru Pride.

In the second annual edition of Peru Pride Magazine, we would like to shine the spotlight on our volunteers serving on city boards and commissions. These citizens give their time and talents - listening in an open and fair manner to the parties that come before them with interest in an item, proposal or issue. They mindfully take into consideration all information, comments and opinions to help make good decisions and recommendations that serve our community.

We deeply appreciate our volunteer board members for donating their time and energy and for working together to make positive things happen for the residents, business owners, and city. We know that at times it can be challenging and that their responsibilities are not taken lightly. Helping people and giving back to your community is perhaps the most gratifying part of belonging to a city board and our volunteers have done a wonderful job of giving back.

Thanks again to all of our city and community volunteers. Many people only wish that they could take part in making this a better community, but you are the folks that have made the strides to turn wishes into action!

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IN MEMORIAM

DONALD L. BAKER

CITY OF PERU MAYOR FROM 1965-2009



On November 7, 2016, we mourned the passing of our long-term former mayor, Donald L. Baker. Faithful and dedicated to the City of Peru, Baker served first as alderman from 1957-1961 and then as mayor from 1965-2009. His vision and love for Peru and its residents led to a lengthy list of remarkable achievements, such as advancing the city's growth to the north, persuading Japanese companies to create developments, and pursuing construction of the Illinois Valley Regional Airport. Under his leadership, the city attracted new industry, jobs and money, while also keeping a close eye on the support and growth of its beloved, long-established businesses. Through it all, he managed to preserve the delicate balance of growing the city's finances, while keeping a small town atmosphere - all of which was to the benefit of Peru's residents.

"Don Baker had a vision for the City of Peru. His dedication to the community and perseverance brought those visions to life," said Mayor Scott Harl. For 44 years, Mayor Baker's name was synonymous with Peru. He campaigned for our city and our citizens. He was the epitome of Peru Pride. The elected officials, staff, and residents of the City of Peru extend their sincerest condolences to the family of Mayor Donald L. Baker.

OBITUARY FOR DONALD LEE BAKER

Donald Lee Baker, Sr., 87, former mayor of Peru, passed away Monday, November 7, 2016 at IVCH in Peru. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2016, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru with Rev. Timothy Kenyon, pastor officiating. Burial will follow in Peru City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Additional visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Friday morning at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mueller Funeral Home in Peru.

Mr. Baker was born on October 23, 1929 in Peru to Norman and Minnie (Aderhold) Baker. He married Anne (Medinaveitia-Heflebower-Britt) on June 29, 1981 in Northfield, IL. He graduated from LPO Junior College and attended Bradley University in Peoria where he was captain of the football team. He was president of Complete Industrial Enterprises Inc. and former partial owner of Westclox in Peru.

Don served as mayor of Peru from 1965 to 2009 first serving as Peru Alderman from 1957 to 1961. In 1988 the City of Peru dedicated Baker Lake in honor of Don Baker's years of service to the City of Peru. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, serving on the building committee for the new church and various other church committees throughout the years. He was past president and an initial member of Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. He was past president of the Peru Rotary Club, a member of Deer Park Country Club, and CSO and corporate board member of HealthMor Inc. He envisioned and implemented the Hydroelectric Generating Plant at Starved Rock which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this week.

He is survived by his wife Anne of Peru, children Lee Ann (Phil) Clary of Downers Grove; Donald (Suzanne) Baker, Jr. of Peru; Robert (Renee) Baker of LaSalle; John Heflebower of Napa Valley, CA; Linda (Donald) Gorr of Arlington Heights, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

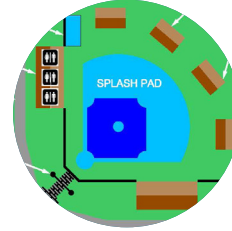
He was preceded in death by parents, his former wife, Carol Baker; one daughter Dolores Heflebower, one grandson, Grant Heflebower, one great-grandson DJ Baker, and two sisters Norma (Delmar) Kohr and Doris (Lamar) Malcolm. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, David Sauers, Brad Baker, Keith Baker, Eric Baker, Rachel Baker, Nathan Baker, David Malcom, Ryan Malcom, Sophie Heflebower, Dr. Christopher Campbell, Dr. Nicholas Campbell, and Rebecca Skorek. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Hogan, Robert Ankiewicz, Roger Chamlin, Bill Vlastnik, Doug Schweickert, Don Kowalczyk, David Pottoff, Dick Janko, and Bill Etzenbach.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established at a later date.

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BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES



DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Created in 2009, the main goal of the Design Review Committee is to protect, maintain, and enhance the visual character of the city. The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on items including new subdivisions, commercial and industrial site plans, as well as proposed exterior alterations to existing businesses. The committee consists of 9 members: Chairman Paul Basalay, Mayor Scott Harl, Building Inspector Jeff King, Doug Biederstedt, Mike Debo, Kris Giese, Bob Johnson, Matt Lamps and Mark Lucas.

For more information on the Design Review procedure or to schedule a meeting, contact the Building and Zoning Department at 815-223-1148.

What types of items are reviewed by the committee?

- Exterior building design, color and materials
- Parking arrangement
- Circulation
- Traffic access
- Building location on site
- Landscaping
- Signage
- Drainage/storm water control
- Lighting
- Visual screening for unsightly areas



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Established in 1957, the Parks & Recreation Board assists in the development and maintenance of city parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities. The board also organizes community events, including the annual fireworks celebration, Touch-A-Truck, the Halloween and Christmas parades, the 5K Run for a Cure, Movies in

the Park, and a summer recreation program featuring more than 25 activities. Members include: President Ray Zborowski, Secretary-Treasurer Janice Grabowski, Simon Kampwerth Jr., Steve Michelini, Linda Dzierzynski, Larry Weide, and Bill Steve. Lynda Kasik serves as recreation director.



POLICE PENSION BOARD & FIREFIGHTERS PENSION BOARD

The Police Pension Board and the Firefighters Pension Board are two separate boards responsible for administering the pension funds of the police department and the fire department. Their duties include collecting required contributions, directing pension payments and other benefits to the beneficiaries entitled, as well as investing funds of the pension in accordance with

state statutes. Police Pension Board members include: President Derek Benning, Vice President Bob Pyszka, Secretary Dennis Hocking and members Mark Credi, and Tom Payton. Firefighter's Pension Board members include President Dennis Lemmer, Vice President Richard Abbott, Treasurer Jackson Powell, Secretary David Bartley, and Trustee Bill Krolak.



PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning/Zoning Commission was established on April 4, 2016, combining the former Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. The commission reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on items, such as development proposals, subdivisions, and those seeking variances to ordinances while also considering amendments and revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. This 7-member commission includes Chairman Doug Biederstedt, Tom Atkinson, Mark Lucas, Angela Kalsto, Cary Miller, Gary Grabowski and Lori Janko Wilke. The Recording Secretary and Legal Counsel is Attorney Douglas Schweickert. The technical support staff is Public Services Manager Jeff King and Engineer Eric Carls, P.E. A special thank you to previous members Jeff Ballard, Paul Basalay, Barry Breuning, Steve Ganze, Gregg Maze, Ken Mollan, Jim Spelich and John Wujek.

We greatly appreciate your service!
What types of items are reviewed by the commission?

- Development proposals
- New subdivisions
- Rezoning requests
- Special uses
- Text amendments
- Sign variations
- Fence variations
- Zoning variations
- Setback variations
- Zoning and subdivision code amendments

JOE HOGAN

It may have been a chance encounter that brought Joe Hogan to Peru, but it was no accident (and very fortunate for us!) that he stayed and eventually helped establish the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board.



Joe Hogan grew up in Spring Green, Wisconsin. After graduating, he worked the radio waves in cities such as Ottumwa and Clinton, Iowa, and Waupaca, Wisconsin. A fateful interview with Peter Miller of LaSalle County Broadcasting led him to a permanent home in Peru in 1966. “A headhunter found me,” Hogan said. “Mr. Miller was looking for somebody and contacted this agency. I was never involved with the agency at all, but they somehow heard me on the radio.” The agency requested a tape and Hogan came to Peru for the interview. “The rest is history,” he said.

Well known in the Illinois Valley for his many years spent as the radio voice for WLPO and WAJK, Hogan is also recognized for his voice and service on several boards including the City of Peru 911 ETSB. “Peru has been awfully good to me and my family. I thought, ‘I want to give back to the community.’”

Hogan was involved in the initial planning of the 911 ETSB board, prior to it being put to a referendum and officially established in 1989. Twenty-seven years later, he and Richard Vlastnik are the only two remaining original members of the board. “It’s unbelievable how everything has changed,” Hogan said recollecting meetings conducted at the former police station where the Red Cross now stands.

“IVRD (Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch) - this is groundbreaking,” Hogan said of the consolidated emergency dispatch center created by the communities of LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby and Mendota. “It’s a sharing

of services and providing savings and also better equipment. You’re going to have better service than you did before.”

Hogan said he hopes this is a forerunner of combining additional services, while not necessarily combining cities. “One step at a time,” Hogan said.

While Hogan is enjoying his retirement spending time with his wife, three children, and three grandchildren, he said he really does miss the people. Serving on the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Board, the IVCH Foundation Board, the 911 ETSB, and now the newly established IVRD Board keeps him involved. “It keeps you active and doing things and making it safer and better for the rest of the community. It’s just part of giving back,” Hogan said.

“Joe Hogan has been the face of 9-1-1 here in Peru for decades,” said Peru Police Chief Doug Bernabei.

“His wise counsel and commitment to public safety has helped so many people.”

Hogan indicated serving as IVCH Board president and being a part of the decision making process on large hospital projects amongst his most memorable moments of his various board memberships. “This is a highlight,” said Hogan of IVRD becoming a reality. “I never dreamt that I would be part of it. Just to see how we’ve progressed. I love it.”

911 Emergency Telephone System Board

Established in 1989, Peru’s 911 Emergency Telephone System Board is responsible for planning the 911 system, which includes coordinating and supervising the implementation, upgrading and maintenance of equipment and overseeing the system fund. This eight-member board includes President Joe Hogan, Vice President Jeff King, Secretary Michelle Wagner, Treasurer Richard Vlastnik and members Doug Bernabei, Robert Pyszka, Mark Roberson and James Coughlin.



BILL VLASTNIK

Vlastnik's Menswear has been a fixture for stylish clothing and shoes in downtown Peru since it started in 1925. Just like his store, Bill Vlastnik has been a fixture on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners since its inception.

"We had two applicants for the job of patrolman the first time," said Vlastnik, recalling the police force had a staff of approximately twelve when he initially served on the board. "Now with the internet, the last time we had testing for patrolmen, we had about 70-80 applicants."

Bill Vlastnik was born and raised in Peru and then attended merchandising classes at Bradley University where he and his brother, Frank, both received masters degrees. Vlastnik would meet his future wife at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. "I was married to the queen of all queens for 56 years and the good Lord took her one night. I thank him every night. We're only here for a visit," said Vlastnik.

Vlastnik and his son, Richard, operate the downtown retail store. His son Dale is in his last year of seminary and will be ordained a Lutheran minister in May 2017. Vlastnik enjoys working, fishing, and spending time with his family, including his three grandsons. He also serves on the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Board, the IVCH Foundation Board, the Hygienic Institute Board, his church council and various subcommittees. Originally appointed by former Mayor Don Baker, Vlastnik has continually served on the board for more than 52 years. "He asked, 'Are either you or Frank interested in the Board of Fire And Police Commissioners,'" said Vlastnik of Mayor Baker. With his brother being terminally ill, Bill accepted the appointment. Vlastnik estimates he has been involved in the hiring of 60-70 officers throughout the years, which is the primary responsibility of the board.

"Every police officer that has worked the streets of Peru since the 1960's was screened and hired by Bill Vlastnik," said Peru Police Chief Doug Bernabei. "He's been a faithful and loyal servant to the City of Peru all of these years."

"They're good," said Vlastnik of the 25 officers working at the Peru Police Department now. He explained the police training process has evolved and improved over the years. When the commissioners board was first created, he recalled new hires were told to pick up their uniforms and placed on duty the following Monday. Today, there is significant amount of training from the onset and that training continues throughout an officer's career. "It's much, much better. We've got a super police force. We're the gem of the Illinois Valley right here."

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners conducts and approves the process for interviewing, testing, appointments and promotions of officers and members of the fire and police departments. The board also conducts hearings and renders decisions on disciplinary matters and appeals for both departments. This three-member board includes Chairman Greg Vaccaro, Vice President Roelif Loveland, and member Bill Vlastnik.





INAUGURAL TBM AVENGER REUNION & SALUTE TO VETERANS

Mild temps and blue skies provided just a “plane” perfect day for flying as 10 TBM Avengers stretched their wings preparing to take flight at Peru’s Illinois Valley Regional Airport on April 16, 2016.

The city’s airport played host to this rare reunion, believed to be the largest gathering of airworthy World War II TBM Avengers in the Midwest in over a decade. The two-day event opened with a TBM owner/operators conference on Friday, followed by a public exhibition on Saturday, featuring aircraft displays and flight demonstrations. This included a simulated torpedo run and a remarkable missing man

formation. An incredible crowd of approximately 8,000 aviation enthusiasts descended on the airport to get a close-up look at more than 50 vintage aircraft from American wars, talk with their owners, and discover a little of the background of these historic flying machines.

This special gathering of vintage war birds in turn provided an opportunity to honor and pay tribute to a very special set of people – our veterans. Veteran TBM Avenger pilots and crew members, as well as Veterans of many branches of the Armed Services attended with family and friends. The site of the nostalgic military aircraft prompted the sharing of stories, memories and a bit of history. A flag raising ceremony conducted by the American Legion concluded with proud spectators shaking hands and thanking our veterans for their

service to our country.

In addition to the wonderful turnout of veterans and public, the inaugural TBM Avenger event saw soaring numbers in flight traffic as well. The airport continued to operate normal aviation takeoffs and landings throughout the day, accommodating 210 general aviation aircraft in all. In one of the busiest hours, 137 aircraft landed and parked on a single runway at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport. To put that in perspective, Chicago’s O’Hare Airport lands and parks 112 planes in an hour on a busy day!

On behalf of the City of Peru, a very big thank you to Brad Deckert, Peter Limberger, Chuck Studer, Alderman Jim Lukosus, all of the pilots, volunteers, sponsors, spectators, and especially to our veterans who made this a truly airworthy event.

Look for the 2nd Annual TBM Avenger Reunion & Salute to Veterans to land at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport on May 20, 2017!

SPLASHING IN PERU

If you have kept up with the local news this last year, you may have noticed the hype surrounding a new baseball themed splash pad coming to Peru. The splash pad will be located at the old Washington School site and will be designed to accommodate children of all age ranges and abilities. Not only will residents see a new splash pad, but also many other new amenities and improvements coming to the site. Thanks to an OSLAD grant and donations, this has all become a reality rather than just a dream.

Why a splash pad?

Splash pads have been a new craze trending all over the world. They offer a cost-saving alternative to traditional swimming pools. Splash pads are also thought to be safer as well since there is no standing water. With interactive games and features, sounds, and lights they are great for children of all ages; parents and grandparents even enjoy them.

What is unique about the splash pad coming to Peru?

Still in the beginning phases of planning, many ideas have been introduced for the splash pad. The most important thing about our splash pad is that it is all inclusive and offers something for people of all abilities. This means that there will be a quiet area with lower volume features, ideal for autistic and younger children. There will be interactive games and large buckets of water to dump

on older children. Some of the features will have lights and great details for deaf children and others sound for blind children; some may even have special textures as well. While the splash pad will be accessible for people in wheelchairs, the City is taking it one step further by purchasing PVC wheelchairs intended for water use. People of all ages will be able to enjoy the splash pad, not just children.

A recirculating system will be utilized for the water so it will not be wasted. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has regulations, which will be followed, to ensure that water is clean and safe. The recirculating system is more economical as well as more eco-friendly.

Will there be more than just a splash pad?

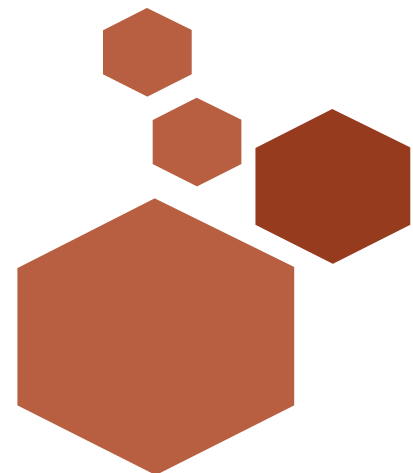
In addition to the splash pad, there will be sand volleyball, a walking path, bocce ball and baggo. The existing playground will stay and there will be locations for a future pool and the ice skating rink. Improvements will be made to the existing parking lot as well as additional parking along 10th Street.

What about the pool?

As previously stated, there is a location dedicated at the old Washington School site for a future pool. The original



Attorney Scott Schweickert presenting a donation to the splash pad on behalf of Schweickert & Ganassin, LLC to City Clerk Dave Bartley



Peru pool was built in 1927 but was removed in 2010 due to issues that were beyond repair. The Friends for the Peru Pool Committee formed in 2011, in an effort to raise money to provide Peru residents with a new municipal pool. The group has coordinated many fundraisers over the last few years. Friends for Peru Pool has had the support of the city council and mayor with their fundraisers in the past. Since FFPP sees the splash pad as phase 1, they are continuing to raise funds towards the pool, after making a monetary pledge to the splash pad project.

What is an OSLAD grant?

The Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant is managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and funded by the State of Illinois. The grant funds state-wide projects that provide new recreational facilities. The City of Peru has received OSLAD grants in the past for other projects; this one was originally awarded in January of 2015 for \$256,800.00 for Peru Washington Park Improvements (splash pad). Unfortunately, the city was informed in March of 2015 that the grant was suspended due to the budget issues occurring with the State of Illinois. In August of 2016,

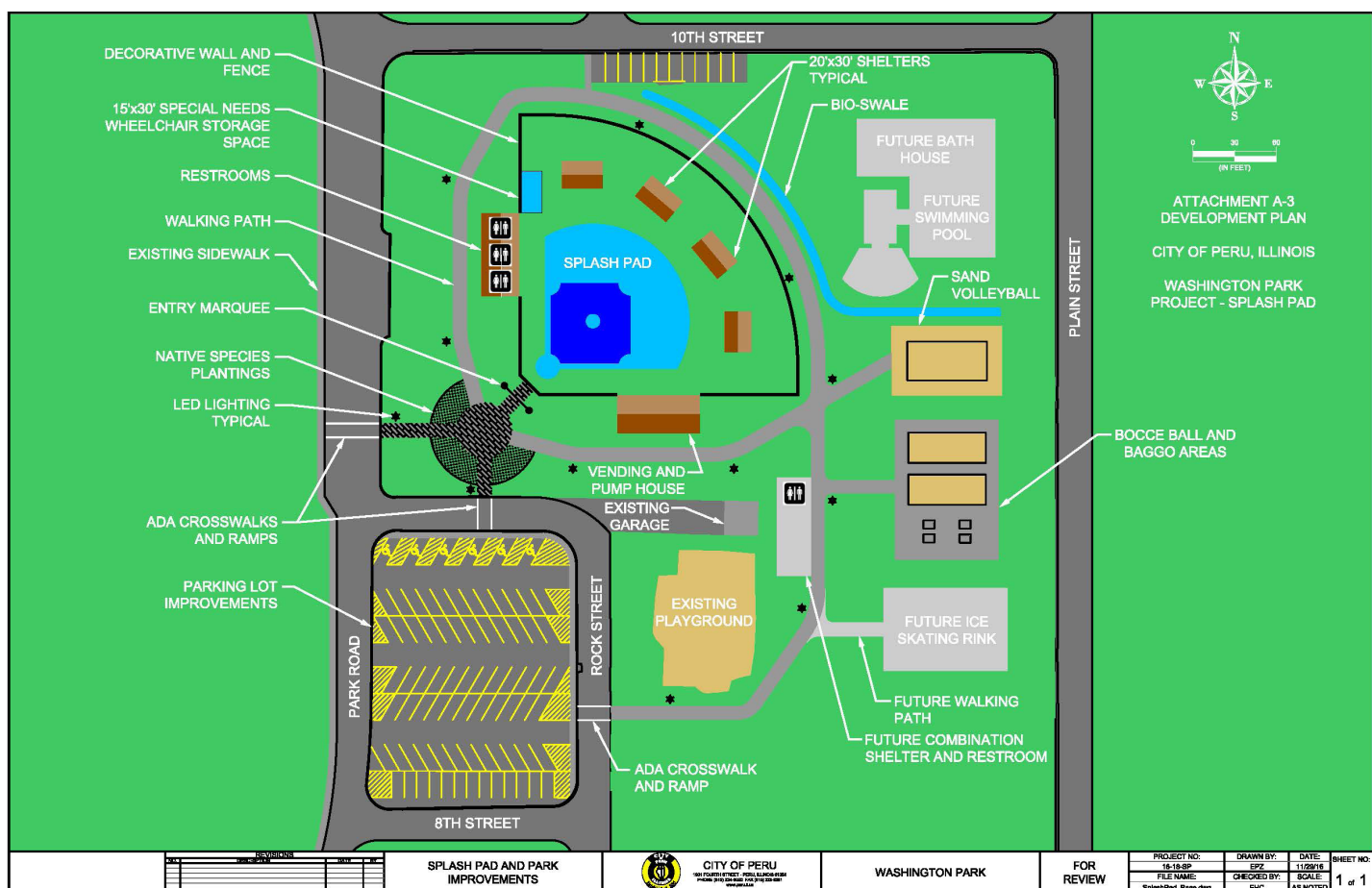
the city learned the grant funds were re-awarded and the project planning began.

Where is the rest of the money coming from?

JA Happ, Peru native and Toronto Blue Jays pitcher, and his wife Morgan gave a substantial contribution of \$100,000. In addition to the generous donation from the Happs, Friends for Peru Pool has made a monetary pledge of \$100,000 towards the project. The city has also received additional donations from residents and businesses.

Want to get involved?

The Friends for the Peru Pool Committee is seeking members to continue fundraising efforts. If you are interested you can contact current members, Claudia Mikyska at (815) 224-2457 or Gina Martin at (815) 224-2811. Direct donations to the City of Peru for the splash pad project can be mailed in care of City Clerk Dave Bartley, 1901 4th St., Peru, IL 61354 or by calling (815) 223-0061.



NORTHWEST ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

What roadways are included in the project?

Plank Road – from I-80 north to Ladd Road
May Road – from Plank Road to just east of Sapp Brothers
Commerce Drive – new westbound only roadway connecting May Road and Plank Road

What is the total cost of the project?

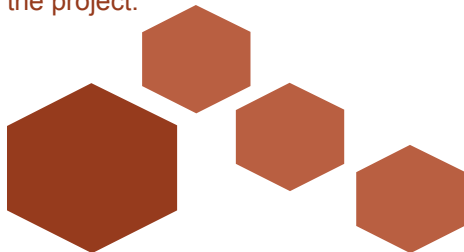
The project is estimated to cost around \$3.6 million dollars, which includes the road improvements, land acquisitions, utility relocations, and the engineering and attorney fees.

How is the project funded?

The project is being funded through a development agreement with Northern White Sand and Omni Trax as well as the Illinois Department of Transportation Economic Development Program (EDP).

Before considering the project, the City of Peru entered into a development agreement with Northern White Sand and Omni Trax in May of 2015. The agreement includes that all costs associated with construction, land acquisition, utility relocates, engineering and attorney fees will be the responsibility of the developers and will be completed at NO cost to the city.

As part of the agreement, the city also agreed to be the grantee for potential EDP funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation. In March of 2016, the city was awarded an EDP grant for the project in the amount of \$1,514,755.00. These funds are to be utilized for construction and engineering costs associated with the project.



What is the projected completion date?

Construction on the project began in October of 2016 and the anticipated completion date is late 2017. Construction had been suspended through the winter months and will commence in the Spring of 2017. The first section of the project to be completed will be the improvements to May Road and the construction of the new roadway, Commerce Drive.

What will the roadways be constructed of?

Plank Road and Commerce Drive will be new concrete roadways and the western section of May Road will be improved with an asphalt overlay.

How will traffic be affected?

As with many of our infrastructure improvements, the public can anticipate travel being affected through the duration of construction. It is always our number one goal to ensure that the safety of the public and our construction crews is being upheld. Traffic control devices will be in place and we ask that all slow down, stay alert, and be aware when traveling around the construction site areas. The project will be completed in a number of stages and the traffic patterns will change with each of the stages. Traffic pattern changes will be updated periodically on the City of Peru website along with notices through the News Tribune and local radio stations.





2016 PERU IN REVIEW

It was another busy year in Peru! Below are some of the highlights and happenings from 2016.



2016 INFRASTRUCTURE

Venture Drive Realignment – The city received the property it needed for the bargain price of \$1, and that transaction paved the way for the repositioning of Venture Drive and 38th Street. The newly aligned intersection permits eastbound vehicles to turn left onto Venture Drive once again, allowing easier access to businesses without sacrificing safety.

Public Works Building – Earlier this year, the old Peru Public Works building on Peoria Street was razed to make way for a Dollar General store. Construction of the new Public Works building on Plank Road was completed this fall.

Area 3 Phase 1 Sewer Separation – Work continues on the long-term IEPA mandated sewer separation project. This year's area encompassed portions of West Street, 3rd Street, Grant Street, and across 5th Street to Peoria Street.

Airport Runway Updates – The crack sealing and pavement markings project was completed this fall at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport.

Ground Storage Tank Painting – Interior work and painting of the North Peoria Street ground storage tank is underway. Exterior painting is set to take place in spring/summer 2017.

Water Street Construction – Rock columns have been installed in place of soil to better support a portion of the roadway that had settled.

General Fund Street Maintenance - This annual fund addresses resurfacing of various streets, including curb and gutter work and pavement markings.

MFT Program – This year's program focused on the resurfacing of Midtown Road from Rt. 251 west to North Peoria Street.

2016 EVENTS

Peru hosted a number of events throughout the year that entertained residents, as well as visitors from surrounding communities.

Thousands of spectators flocked to the Illinois Valley Regional Airport in April to witness the first annual TBM Avenger Reunion & Salute to Veterans.

We kicked off a sensational summer with a collection of fun camps organized and operated by the Parks and Recreation Board. The June Touch-A-Truck event provided close-up contact with a variety of big trucks while Movie in the Park attracted a multitude of minions to Centennial Park.

The 2016 fireworks were fired off from a new location in North Peru with viewing and family activities held in the Peru Mall parking lot. Baseball was at its best in Peru and Oglesby in late July. The two towns once again hosted the Senior League Central States Region Tournament with championship teams from the surrounding states playing for a chance to make it to the Senior Baseball World Series, which is held in Bangor, Maine.

The Maud Powell Arts Celebration celebrated the legendary violinist born in Peru with two days of interactive activities and performances by artists, bands, vocal groups and dancers.

A procession of princesses, pirates, ghouls, ghosts, and more costumed characters joined the Halloween Parade that concluded at Washington Park where everyone enjoyed games, activities, refreshments and of course, treats! December's holiday event lineup included the Christmas Parade and lighting of the Christmas tree at City Hall. Make plans to join us throughout the year for these and more activities!

WELCOME TO PERU

On behalf of the City of Peru, we welcome the new residents and businesses that have chosen to settle in Peru and look forward to helping you become acquainted with your new community.

Just a few of the new businesses that set up shop or began construction of new facilities in 2016:

- 4th Street Kitchen Studio, Inc.
- Art Deco Saloon
- Central Bank Illinois
- CIT Trucks
- Dimond Bros. Insurance, LLC
- Dollar General
- ENP Investments, LLC
- The Flower Bar
- Harbor Freight Tools
- Innovative Staff Solutions
- Johannes Bus Service, Inc.
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Machinery Parts Warehouse
- Martin Equipment
- Maven Makeup Artistry & Salon
- Nicole Norris MD Medical Spa
- Ottawa Savings Bank/Mortgage Origination Office
- Personal Finance Company
- Renegade Motors
- Shane's Shine Shop
- St. Margaret's Health (expansion)
- Stone Jug Barbeque
- Tesla Motors
- Universal Forest Products
- Walmart (addition)

*Please accept our sincerest apologies if we have inadvertently missed any new businesses from the above list.

PLUG INTO PERU

There are multiple ways to keep connected, get information and interact with the City of Peru. Here are some great options to tap into what's happening:



Visit peru.il.us to view agendas, code of ordinances, department information, economic development, and the latest resident news, including information on city services, events, programs, and more.



Visit perufiredepartment.com to find Peru Fire Department information, photos, history, events, and more.



Visit peruems.com for information on Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. services, history, staff, and more.



Visit the City of Peru Facebook page at peru.illinois



Visit the Peru Police Department Facebook page at [Peru-Illinois-Police-Department-Peru-Illinois-Police-Department-424609487648774](https://www.facebook.com/Peru-Illinois-Police-Department-Peru-Illinois-Police-Department-424609487648774)



Visit the Peru Fire Department's Facebook page at perufire

You can always contact city departments via telephone too!

Please reference the back cover of this magazine for a detailed list of city and community phone numbers.





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Local
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Fast Facts: Your A-Z guide of community contact information.

Peru City Phone Numbers

Ambulance (emergency)
911

Ambulance (non-emergency)
815-223-9111

Building & Zoning Inspector
815-223-1148, ext. 4

Cemetery Office
815-223-0061

Chipping Service
815-223-2962

Citizen Concerns
Call your Alderman

City Clerk's Office
815-223-0061

Code Enforcement
815-223-1148

Electric Department
815-223-0044

Electric Department
(non-emergency, answering machine)
815-223-1852

Electric Department
(out of power)
815-223-0044

Engineering Department
815-224-6020

Fire Department
(non-emergency)
815-224-2141

Illinois Valley Regional Airport
815-223-2003

Illinois Valley Waste Services
(Garbage Service)
815-875-2293

Library
815-223-0229

Mayor's Office
815-223-1148, ext. 3

Police Department
(emergency)
911

Police Department
(non-emergency)
815-223-2151

Public Information
815-223-0061

Recreation Director
815-488-1395

Schweickert & Ganassin
(Corporate Counsel)
815-223-0177

Street Light Outage
815-223-0044

Street Maintenance
815-223-2962

Public Works
815-223-2962

Utility Customer Services
815-223-0061

Water & Sewer Interruptions
815-223-2962

Website
www.peru.il.us

Important Community Phone Numbers

Alternatives for the Older Adults
800-798-0988

Ameren
800-755-5000

Driver's License Facility
815-223-4861

Hygienic Institute
815-223-0196

IVAC
815-223-0227

JULIE
(Call before digging)
800-892-0123

LaSalle County Clerk's Office
815-434-8202

LaSalle Post Office
(Airport Road)
815-223-2635

North Central Area Transit
(Bus Service)
815-288-2117

Peru High Rise
815-223-0545

Peru Post Office
815-223-0320

Peru Township Office
815-223-0746

Social Security Office
855-245-0640

Tri-County Opportunities
(Energy assistance)
800-323-5434

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