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CITY OF PERU NEWSLETTER

FALL 2026/WINTER 2027

CITY CLERK'S CORNER

Dear Residents of Peru,

The City Clerk's Office is dedicated to providing efficient, transparent, and responsive service to our community. We assist residents with utility billing, official city records, voter registration, permits and licenses, park shelter reservations, and other municipal services. Our office serves as a reliable source for important city information and public documents. We encourage you to stay informed by visiting the City of Peru website for updates, meeting information, event calendars, and community announcements.



Thank you for your continued involvement and support as we work together to keep Peru a great place to live, work, and thrive.

Jamey Mertel
City Clerk, City of Peru, Illinois

FALL/WINTER INFORMATION

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up begins Nov, 1st-15th. Cemetery decorations, flowers, etc. must be removed by October 31st. Winter decorations and grave blankets are allowed after November 15th through February 28th.

Chipper Service-Last day for chipper service will be October 31st

Yard Waste Bag Collection-Last day for yard waste bag pickup is November 24th.

Snow Removal-Parking-It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on any public street or public right-of-way within the city at any time following a snowfall of three inches or more until the snow on such public street or public right-of-way has been plowed from curb to curb.

Christmas Tree Collection-City crews will collect discarded Christmas trees placed at the curb. This service is for live trees only. Dates will be provided at a later date.

The City of Peru reserves the right to amend dates of fall services, if necessary. Date changes will be reported in the News Tribune, the City of Peru Facebook Page and the City of Peru website at www.peru.il.us

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 31	Trick-or-Treat (5pm-7pm)
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day-City Offices Closed
Nov. 24	Last day for Yard Waste Bag pickup
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving-City Offices Closed
Nov. 27	City Offices Closed
Dec. 5	Lighted Christmas Parade
Dec. 21	Winter Begins
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve-City Offices Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Day-City Offices Closed
Jan. 1	New Year's Day-City Offices Closed
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-City Offices Closed

BURNING OF LEAVES-CURB LEAF COLLECTION

Can I burn leaves in the City of Peru?
Leaf Burning is permitted only between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM October 1st to November 30th. Burning is prohibited on Sunday and Monday, and federally designated holidays. Fires must be at least 20 ft from any structure. No burning of leaves is allowed within 48 hours after a rainfall of more than a 1/2 inch. Burning is allowed only on private property with the consent of the owner or person in charge of that property and must be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished. No leaf burning on asphalt or city sidewalks is allowed.

BURNING OF ANY OTHER MATERIAL IS PROHIBITED.

What is the Leaf Collection Program?-BEGINS NOVEMBER 2ND
Leaf vacuuming is a seasonal program, usually starting in mid to late October and continuing through the week before Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Collection schedules of the vacuuming routes can be found below as well as on the city website, and calendar. Leaves are to be raked to the curb, but not in the street. Leaves in the street restrict the water flow to sewers and cause flooding. Please do not rake twigs, brush, branches, rocks, garbage, plants, grass clippings or other materials in with the leaves, as they can cause damage to the vacuum equipment. Do not bag leaves or put in cans. Examples of potential obstructions include but are not limited to: parked vehicles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, water meters, guy wires, utility boxes, telephone poles, signs, fences and landscaping. Due to risk of damage, leaf piles too close to obstructions or mixed with other debris will not be collected. Leaf collection can be affected by both weather and volume of leaves. Every effort will be made to collect leaves from your street on the scheduled day.

CURB LEAF COLLECTION ROUTE

Monday: 4th St. N. to the West side of Calhoun St. to West End City limits.
Tuesday: 4th St. N from the East side of Peoria St. to Rt. 251
Wednesday: East side of Calhoun St. to West side of Peoria St.
Thursday: West side of Pulaski St. to Rt. 251 & 4th S. from the East side of Peoria St. to Rt. 251
Friday: East side of Pulaski St. to East End City Limits & 4th St. S. from West side of Calhoun St. to the West End City Limits

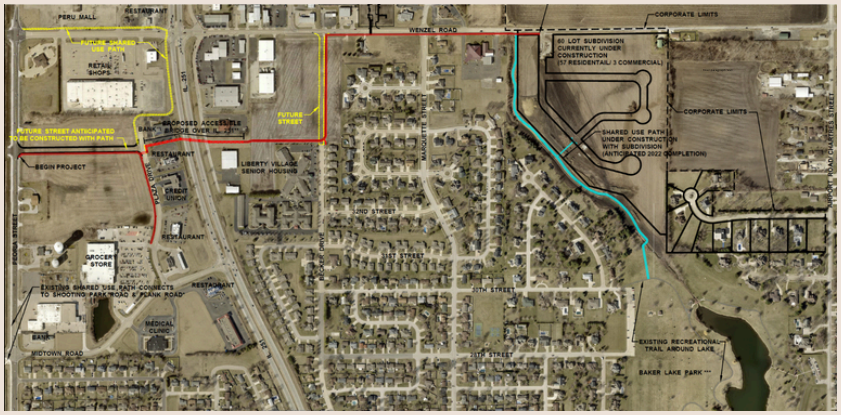
PLEASE DO NOT PARK VEHICLES IN FRONT OF LEAVES

Check your mailbox! 2027 City of Peru Calendars should arrive at the beginning of December!

DINE LOCAL... SHOP LOCAL...THINK LOCAL

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE COMING IN 2027

Construction has begun on a shared use path and 837-foot pedestrian bridge over IL251, north of Hy-Vee, as part of a $3 million Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant. The pedestrian bridge is a major new infrastructure project that will improve safety, connectivity, and recreational access, funded largely by a state grant and supported by the city's own budget and contractors.



UTILITY BILLING OPTIONS

Did you know that you have the option to receive your utility bill electronically?

Did you know you can have your bill automatically deducted from a checking account or savings account?

If you are not already signed up, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 815-223-0061 for more information.

You can view, pay and sign up for paperless billing by visiting www.peru.il.us!



RESIDENT NOTIFICATION

The City of Peru uses the CodeRED community notification system to send time-sensitive emergency alerts and critical information to residents. Such notifications can be weather related alerts, scheduled outages, water main breaks etc.

Be sure to sign up or update your contact information via the CodeRED link at www.peru.il.us or contact the City Clerk's Office at 815-223-0061.

CODE RED

2026 LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

It may seem soon to think about Christmas, but not to early for Peru! We are only a few short weeks away from the Christmas Parade in Peru!!!



Winter FUN!

Follow the City of Peru, Illinois Parks and Recreation Facebook page for updates, including hours of operation!

Lace up and join us for another fantastic year of ice skating!

Whether you're a seasoned skater or hitting the ice for the first time, skate rentals will be available through The Locker Room!



Come warm up next to the warming fireplace inside Schweickert Arean. The arena also includes restrooms, lockers and concessions!

Schweickert Arena and Ice Rink is located behind the Splash Pad!

DON'T FORGET

Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Nov. 1, 2026 @ 2am
Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.



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