October, 2026

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 5th City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Oct 5th-7th City Hall, Public Power Event, 8am - 4pm
Oct 9th -10th Perry Fall Community Garage Sale, email Autumn Jardot at perryokcgs@gmail.com for more information.
Oct 15th Library, Platform 9 ¾ Harry Potter Event, see page 4
Oct 17th Perry Municipal Airport, Perry Planes and Cars - bring your family and lawn chairs, 10am - 3pm
Oct 19th Planning Commission Meeting, 5:15pm
Oct 19th City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Oct 30th Join the Perry Chamber of Commerce and local businesses on the downtown square for smiles and Halloween **Trick-or-treating Oct. 30th from 5pm - 7pm!**



Several local churches will also be hosting Trunk or Treat activities throughout the evening.
With a home football game scheduled for October 30th, the Chamber is asking neighborhoods to consider passing out candy on **Saturday, October 31th.** For more details, visit the Perry Chamber at perryokchamber.com or follow the Perry Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.
Oct 31st Perry's Farmers Market, 10th and Fir, 8am - 12pm, will be joining in on the fun! Vendors will be dressed up in their Halloween best and handing out treats to the kids. Be sure to stop by and say hello!

PERRY PUBLIC POWER

OCTOBER 5th - 7th, 2026

FREE GOODIE BAGS + LED BULB - *While supplies last!* Stop by City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to request your free Public Power Week goodie bag. Supplies are limited!

PLAY GAMES & WIN PRIZES!
Test your skills with three different games:

- **Word Search** — available in the September Newsletter. Once you complete the word search, cut it out and turn it in at City Hall (drop box is available 24hrs)
- **Word Scramble** — in this October City Bytes Newsletter.
- **Guess How Many!** — available at City Hall October 5–7

How to Win:
Complete each game for a prize-drawing ticket. Complete all three games and earn 5 tickets, increasing your chances to win! Turn in all completed games by 4:00 p.m. on October 7, 2026. *See page 3 of this Newsletter for the October game. Prize winners will be drawn on October 8th,2026.

Watch for helpful energy-saving tips, Public Power information, and fun facts throughout the week on the City of Perry Facebook page and City of Perry app.



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By Leslie Blair,
Director of Communications
for Oklahoma Municipal League

Mayor of Perry Named 2026 Mayor of the Year

Lawrence Wortham, Mayor of Perry, was presented with the 2026 Mayors Council of Oklahoma Mayor of the Year Award for communities with a population less than 5,000 at the Oklahoma Municipal League Annual Conference.

The Mayor of the Year award was first established in 1992 recognizing outstanding mayors who have made significant contributions to their community as well as their profession through personal growth and involvement.

"We are pleased to name Lawrence Wortham as the Mayor of the Year," said Joyce Calvert, President of MCO and Mayor of Glenpool. "Mayor Wortham has spent his time in office striving to make his community a better place, and we appreciate his leadership and his service."

Mike Fina, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League said "Mayor Wortham is an outstanding leader and very deserving of this award. He has worked to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Perry by placing an emphasis on economic and community development by investing in infrastructure. We are pleased to present Mayor Wortham with this award."

Wortham was first elected as Mayor in 2023. In addition to his service as Mayor, Lawrence is a successful local business owner. Under his leadership, Perry's Microtel received national recognition as the best-operated Microtel in the United States. His commitment to Perry extends beyond City Hall and his business. He is active in his church, serves on the YMCA Board of Directors, supports local community organizations, and coaches his son's soccer team.

The Mayor of the Year award recognizes the dedication and commitment brought to the highest elected post in municipal government. Criteria for consideration requires nominees to be a MCO member and in elected municipal office at the time of the presentation. Additionally, nominees must complete a minimum of three years of service in an elected municipal office and their municipality must be an OML member.

The Oklahoma Municipal League is the authoritative source for information, training, and resources on effective local government for member organizations and is recognized as the unified voice of Oklahoma cities and towns.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

This quarter, we had the honor of recognizing four City of Perry employees for their dedication and years of service to our community.

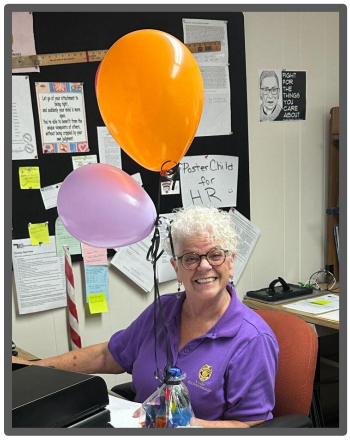
While two honorees are celebrating 1 year of service in their current period of employment, they both have additional years of service from previous employment with the City.

Sharon Starrett, Code - 1 year, total of 10 years
Matt Biswell, Building - 1 year, total of 19 years
Brian O'Dell, Police, 20 years
Brian Thomas, Police, 20 years

Years of service represent so much more than time on the job. They represent dedication, commitment, knowledge, and the countless ways our employees help keep Perry moving forward.

We are grateful to all four of these employees for the time and effort they have given—and continue to give—to the City of Perry and our community.











NEEDING UTILITY ASSISTANCE?

City Hall in Perry currently has a list of 5 organizations that will help customers with their utilities. The list can be picked up in person or sent to customers by email. If your organization would like to be on the list, please call City Hall or email us at city.hall@cityofperryok.com. 580-336-4241

PERRY FOOD PANTRY

Perry Food Pantry is located at 736 Elm Street. For more information refer to the Perry Food Pantry-Oklahoma Facebook page or call 580-370-6422 during regular business hours.



PERRY SR. CITIZEN CENTER

Age 50 and up
309 North 7th, Perry Ok

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday 7am - 3pm
(When bad weather occurs, the Center will be closed when Perry Public Schools are closed)

Music Nights are the 4th Monday of the month, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. All ages are welcome on music nights.



PUBLIC POWER WORD SCRAMBLE

Cut it out and turn it in at City Hall to get into the drawing for a chance to win

Unscramble the utility billing and public power terms below:

- **LRYCTEEITIC**: Power that flows through your outlets. _____
- **NUOYMTCIM**: The people and area your utility serves. _____
- **AELIBREL**: Dependable power you can count on. _____
- **VECINIO**: The printed monthly breakdown of your charges. _____
- **RCRNUET**: The flow of electricity, or the present billing cycle. _____
- **AOLLC**: Right in your town, not far away. _____
- **PILCBU**: Owned by and operated for the community. _____
- **RWPOE**: Energy used to run appliances and lights. _____
- **MEETR**: The device that measures your energy consumption. _____
- **SEUAG**: The total amount of energy your home consumed. _____
- **AETR**: The cost set per kilowatt-hour. _____

Our Local Power™
POWER THAT GIVES BACK

NAME: _____

PHONE#: _____

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Holly McHughes painted our drop box at the 7th St entry. We are proud to have Holly's "original" artwork at the library. We empty the exterior drop box on workday mornings and the interior dropbox multiple times a day.



We changed the date for Platform 9 ¾ Harry Potter Event. We are now hosting on **October 15th** from 10:30-11:30 & 3:30-6pm. School is out on the new date, so we hope to see more wizarding folk. You can dress up in Harry Potter attire or regular clothes. Crafts, games, bingo, trivia, scavenger hunt, snacks and drinks, and more!

PROGRAMS:

Programs with an asterisk must call 580-336-4721 to signup

Storytime @ 10:30am for ages 0-5:
Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th

Afterschool @ 3:30pm for ages 6-11:
*October 5th: Escape Room
October 12th: STEM
*October 19th: Pumpkin Painting
October 26th: STEM
November 2nd: Nature Hunt



***Escape Room: October 20th @ 3:30-5:30pm** for ages 9-18
Adult Theatre Thursday @ 10AM on Oct. 8th & 22nd (sign up not required)

Our adult programs are gaining traction. Please sign up early to reserve your spot. Several people have already signed up for the button art program.
*Adult Button Art: October 1st @ 3-5:30
- Choose either a tree ($3) or an owl ($8). Parents/grandparents can bring ages 14+.

*Adult Compound Butter: October 29th @ 4PM
- Please bring 6 sticks of softened butter, a bowl and spatula, and take-home containers (or we will provide parchment paper.)
- $5 Per Person
- Printed recipes will be provided to take home.

Book bags will be available in December. Sign up for ages 9 to 18 years are on our website under the "Events & Programs," tab. We select a book for you to check out, and you keep the goodies.

Upcoming titles you can request

Publication dates do change and depending on what format we select, it can push back the publication date as well.

