January, 2026

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THE CITY OF PERRY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan 1st City offices closed for New Year's Day
Jan 5th City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Jan 8th Planning Commission Meeting
Jan 20th City offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Garbage collection will run as normal
Jan 21st City Council meeting, 6:15pm
Feb 3rd City Council meeting, 6:15pm

Save the date - Perry Chamber of Commerce Banquet February 19th, 2026



www.perrybaseballcomplex.com

During the 2025 season, the Perry Sports Complex (BMAC) hosted approximately 280 teams across the spring and fall tournaments, welcoming players and families from Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.

With the addition of T-ball at BMAC, there were 34 teams participating in the Tri-County League. The complex also hosted the 12U End-of-Season Tournament, which included five teams, and the 2025 8U OK Kids Regional Tournament, bringing in eight teams for an exciting weekend of baseball.

It was a great year for baseball in Perry, and Lee is looking forward to an even better 2026 season at the Perry BMAC Baseball Complex!

The dates for the upcoming spring tournaments are now available on the Perry BMAC Baseball Complex website. Lee Harmon and his crew continue to do an excellent job maintaining the complex.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

The BIG news is out! We're thrilled to finally share the name of the company bringing new opportunity and growth to our Industrial Park. It's AMAZON! This location is west of I-35, just west of BMAC.

- This is HUGE for Perry:
  - 50,000 sq ft building
  - 100+ new jobs
  - Major boost to our local economy
- Target opening:
  - Late summer / early fall 2026
- Exciting partnership:
  - Amazon is a nationally respected company
  - Thrilled they chose Perry

Amazon will also complete two road improvements.

JANUARY IS OPT OUT MONTH

Perry residential utility customers may opt out of participating in the voluntary ambulance subscription service by completing an OPT OUT FORM at City Hall during the month of **January only.**

The monthly service fee provides no-charge emergency and medically necessary ambulance service for everyone living at the utility customer address. If the participant has medical insurance, then no charge is made over what the insurance company pays. By opting out of the voluntary subscription program, those persons who use the ambulance service will be billed for the full cost of an ambulance transport which could be up to $1,000 or more.

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AVERAGE BILLING

The Average Billing program helps the customer budget for utility expenses by allowing the customer to pay a revolving monthly utility payment based on the customer's 9-12 month utility billing history. We can accept average billing forms from September through January. If you would like to sign up for average billing, City Hall has forms **available until January 31st, 2026.** We will resume sign-ups September 1st, 2026.

To qualify, customers must have a history of at least 9 months at the same address prior to the date of signing up for the program, zero-utility balance at the time of signing up, have no late fees or return checks/drafts for at least 9 months.

The full ordinance on average billing is published on the City's website and copies of the ordinance are available at City Hall.

STAY CONNECTED

Watch the Council meetings online!

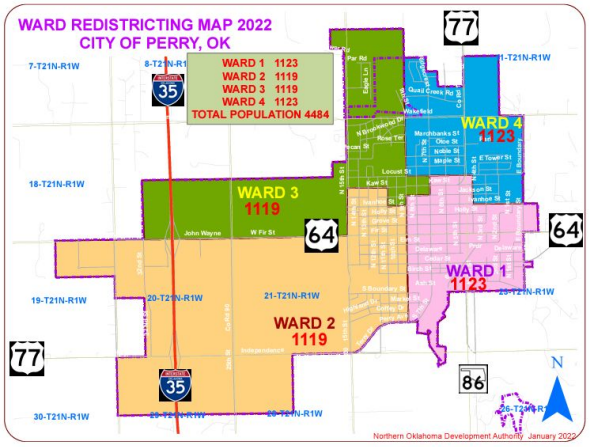
Residents are always welcome to attend City Council meetings in person. If you can't join us in person, you can still stay informed—watch meetings live on the City of Perry Facebook page or catch the replay anytime on our YouTube channel. Contact information for each City Council member is available at City Hall or on the City of Perry website. Ward maps are also available—stop by City Hall to pick one up or view them online through the City's website.

Ward 1 (Southeast area):
Post 1 - Scott Coffey
Post 2 – Shae Boschee

Ward 2 (Southwest area):
Post 1 - Austin Bledsoe
Post 2 - Joe Williams

Ward 3 (Northwest area):
Post 1 - Danette Marshall
Post 2 - Randy Rupp

Ward 4 (Northeast area):
Post 1 - Sammy Davis
Post 2 - Dererk Coldiron



AUTO DRAFT OPTIONS

Our Local Power
POWER THAT GIVES BACK

1. **In house Bank Draft**

The customer authorizes the utility to make automatic bank withdrawals to pay the customer's utility account during each billing cycle. Payment will be drafted on or after the 15th of each month. A form can be picked up at City Hall, 622 Cedar Street.

2. **Online Auto Pay with Xpress Bill Pay**

The customer creates an account through Xpress Bill Pay and chooses the Auto Pay option. The customer chooses the date and the amount that will be drafted and the method of payment. Processing fees do apply.

A BYTE FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Planning to Build or Remodel?

The best way to protect your home, business, and investment is to make sure your contractors are licensed and have the right permits to do the work.

Why Permits Matter

Permits help ensure your project is safe, up to code, and built to last. Skipping them can lead to safety risks, costly fixes, and headaches later on.

Smart Steps

- Check with the City's Code or Building Department to see if your job requires permits.
- Ask to see your contractor's license and permits

Have questions? The City of Perry Building and Code Department is happy to help before you begin your next project. 580-336-4241

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Age 50 and up
309 North 7th, Perry Ok
Facebook: Perry Senior Citizen Center
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 7am - 3pm
(When bad weather occurs, the Center will be closed when Perry Public Schools are closed)

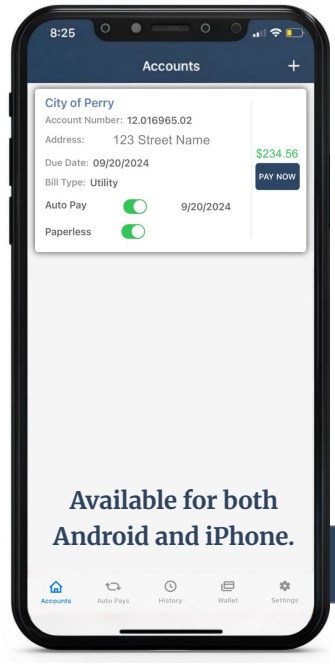
First Music Night in 2026 is February 23rd 6pm-8:30pm. Music nights are the 4th Monday of the month. Anyone of any age is welcome to come to music night. If you play an instrument or sing, you are more than welcome to sit in with the band!!



Proper Disposal Options:
Household trash and materials may be taken to the Transfer Station at 1601 E. Boundary, free of charge for City of Perry customers.

- Please bring your city utility bill (paper or digital) showing you pay the monthly garbage fee.
- At the entrance, you'll see a sign with additional information, including items not accepted and hours of operation.

Construction materials should be taken directly to Davis Sanitation in Tonkawa.
Let's work together to keep Perry's parks and lakes clean and beautiful!



ONLINE PAYMENTS xpress BILL PAY

Download the Xpress Bill Pay mobile app today!
Manage your City of Perry utility account anytime, anywhere!
From the app you can set up notifications via email or text, manage your Auto Pay, view billing detail and history, and more.

Scan the QR code to download the app for free to your device.

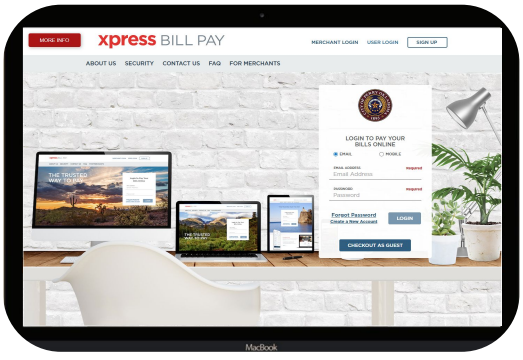
TRANSFER STATION/CONVENIENCE CENTER

Customers paying a monthly garbage fee on their utility bill can use the convenience center, also known as the transfer station, located at 1601 E Boundary free of charge. Take a copy of a current utility bill or open the app on your phone to show you pay the garbage fee when using the transfer station and sign in at the office. At the entrance you will see this sign with additional information including items not accepted and operation hours.



WOULD YOU LIKE AN EMAIL?

Did you know you can receive monthly *City Bytes* newsletters by email through Xpress? Simply visit our online BillPay portal, create an account, and select the option to receive emails from Xpress.
Xpress is a convenient way to view and pay your bill, but you are not required to use Xpress for payments. We still gladly accept our other standard payment methods. Need help? Call City Hall at 580-336-4241 and we will be happy to assist you.



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PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY



Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
302 North 7th, Perry Ok
perrypl.okpls.org

Closed January 1st for New Years and January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

New Books! Look at our catalog for the entire list.
https://perrypl.okpls.org/

- Spasm by Robin Cook
- Sea Glass Christmas by Davis Bunn
- Cry Havoc by Jack Carr
- Birdwatcher by Jacquelyn Mitchard
- Still Waters by Patricia Johns
- Outpost in the Desert by Robert Vaughan
- Last Days of Marilyn Monroe by James Patterson
- W.E.B Griffin Direct Action by Jack Stewart

Theatre Thursday (ages 18+) @ 10AM on Jan. 8th & 22nd

Storytime (ages 0-5) @ 10:30AM
January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and Feb. 4th

Afterschool (ages 6-11) @ 3:30PM
January 5th – Winter Games (board/card games & Nintendo Switch)
January 12th – Movie with popcorn (3:30pm-5:15pm)
January 19th – No Afterschool Program (Closed for Holiday)
January 26th – Winter S.T.E.A.M Activity
February 2nd – Valentine Boxes

Trivia Contest (Tween Program 9-11 years old): Jan. 2nd @ 3:30PM (No signup required)

Valentine Party (Tween Program 9-11 years old): Feb. 6th @ 3:30PM (No signup required)

Canvas Paint by Numbers (Teen Program 12-18 years old): Jan. 9th @ 3:30PM - Sign up required by December 31st by 5:30PM

Library cards do expire every two years and patrons need to come in and sign for a renewal. This is a best practice because patrons move, move away or even pass away. This gives us the opportunity to change phone numbers or move kids from a family card to an adult card. We can send renewal reminders by text or email.
If your card suddenly doesn't work on Libby or Hoopla the card has expired, has overdue or fines over the $5 threshold. Parents do need to have a library card so we can attach their children's card to an adult card. Parents must accompany children to sign for the card of a minor. Proof of residency is required to obtain a library card such as a utility bill or lease with their name.

PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY 2025 Report

The library had **2,028** open hours!

562 uses of public computers

2,488 people have a card at our library

17,424 people walked through our doors last year

The collection contained **19,383** physical items

Print materials totaled **17,354**

Physical videos totaled **1,442**

7,274 e-materials borrowed

Contributing to a total of **25,402** checkouts!

READ

We lent our items to other libraries **76** times

210 total programs offered

3,671 people attended in total!

And brought in **110** items upon patron request

OKLAHOMA Department of Libraries

The Perry Carnegie Library is more than just a place to check out books, it stands as both a community resource and a historic landmark — offering programs and services for all ages. Make it your goal for 2026 to visit the library, get a library card, and check out a book — in person or online — or attend one of the many programs offered throughout the year.