July, 2026

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THE CITY OF PERRY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 3rd City offices closed for Independence Day
July 4th Perry Municipal Pool closed
July 4th Gary May Firework show at Perry Lake
July 6th City Council meeting, 6:15pm
July 11th-12th BMAC, Summer Sizzle Tournament
July 18th-19th BMAC, Beat the Heat Tournament
July 20th Planning Commission Meeting 5:15pm
July 20th City Council meeting, 6:15pm

CITY OF PERRY DUCK BLINDS

Available July 1st-31st

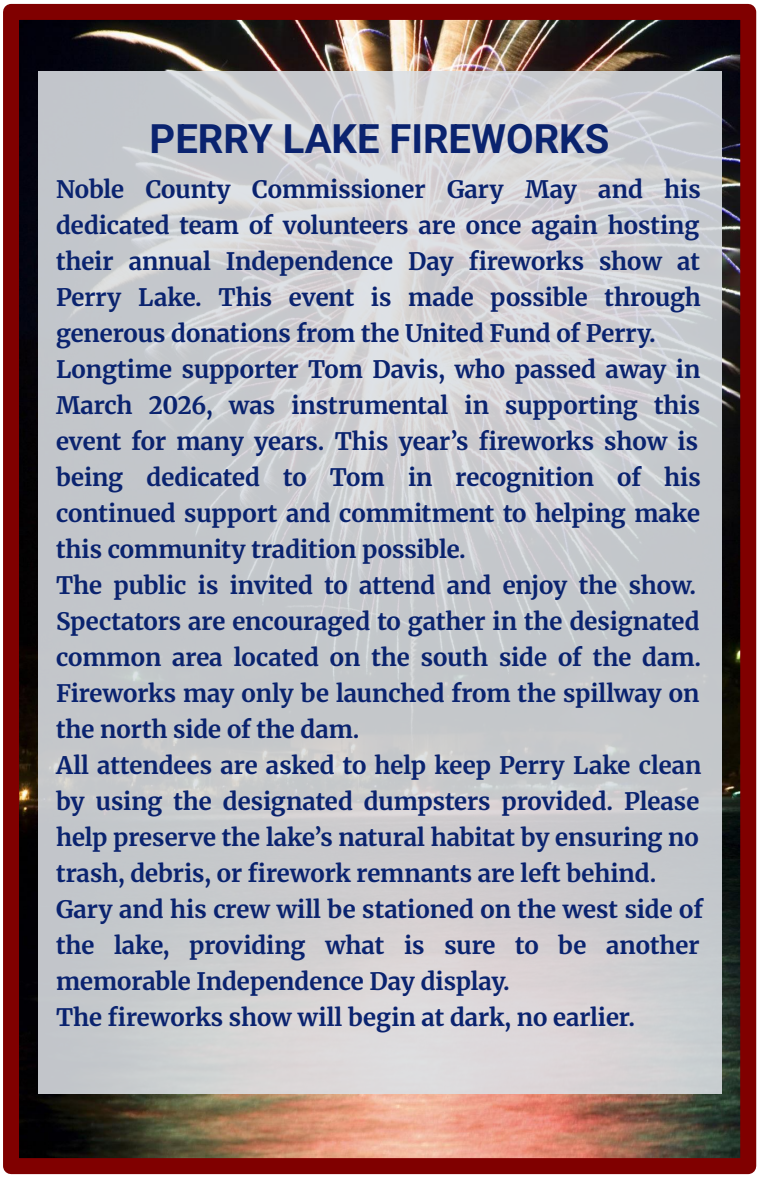
Applications may be completed at City Hall with a $100 application fee. Forms may also be requested by email, and online payment is available (additional fees apply).

Following the application period, a random drawing will determine blind assignments based on applicant rankings and draw order.

Selected applicants must pay:

- $400 duck blind fee
- $20 seasonal hunt permit per assigned hunter
- Optional $25 annual boating permit

Please note: The DAM project is expected to begin near the end of the season. Perry Lake is currently expected to remain fully accessible during the 2026 season. If conditions change, the City will work with blind holders on any necessary adjustments. For more information, contact the Parks Department at 580-572-9465.



PERRY LAKE FIREWORKS

Noble County Commissioner Gary May and his dedicated team of volunteers are once again hosting their annual Independence Day fireworks show at Perry Lake. This event is made possible through generous donations from the United Fund of Perry.

Longtime supporter Tom Davis, who passed away in March 2026, was instrumental in supporting this event for many years. This year's fireworks show is being dedicated to Tom in recognition of his continued support and commitment to helping make this community tradition possible.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the show. Spectators are encouraged to gather in the designated common area located on the south side of the dam. Fireworks may only be launched from the spillway on the north side of the dam.

All attendees are asked to help keep Perry Lake clean by using the designated dumpsters provided. Please help preserve the lake's natural habitat by ensuring no trash, debris, or firework remnants are left behind.

Gary and his crew will be stationed on the west side of the lake, providing what is sure to be another memorable Independence Day display.

The fireworks show will begin at dark, no earlier.

All City of Perry offices CLOSED July 3rd, 2026

Trash pickup will run as normal.

The City of Perry after hours number for utility emergencies such as power outages and water leaks is 580-336-4100.

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Economic Development

Amazon Distribution Center

Construction on the Amazon distribution center continues at an impressive pace. The building shell is now complete, and crews made significant progress on the parking lot this week. Road paving is expected to begin in July, and the project remains on track for a November 2026 opening.

Pilot Travel Center

Pilot continues to move forward with planning and development efforts. The project remains on schedule, with an anticipated opening in the first quarter of 2027.

Dunkin' & Jimmy John's Coming to Perry

If you haven't heard the news; we are excited to announce that the City has officially signed a development agreement that will bring both Dunkin' and Jimmy John's to Perry. The restaurants are planned for a site between the Cherokee Strip Museum and Love's Travel Stop, with an anticipated opening in late 2027.

The City Council continues to prioritize economic development as a key component of Perry's future. These projects will provide additional dining options, create new jobs, expand our tax base, and help ensure Perry remains a thriving community for years to come.

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

Nate Read
City Manager



Hospital Remodel

The hospital remodel project continues to move forward and is expected to be substantially complete in August. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the improvements firsthand, I would encourage you to stop by and take a tour. The transformation has been remarkable, and the facility looks wonderful.

We are grateful for the partnership of Stillwater Medical throughout this project and for their continued commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the Perry community.

Fir Avenue Sidewalk Project

The Fir Avenue sidewalk project has been awarded through the State bidding process. We anticipate construction beginning within the next couple of months, although the exact start date will ultimately depend on the contractor's schedule and when they are able to place the project into their construction queue.

As a reminder this project will improve pedestrian connectivity between BMAC and Braum's and safety along one of Perry's major corridors, and we look forward to seeing construction begin soon.

New Booster Station Funded

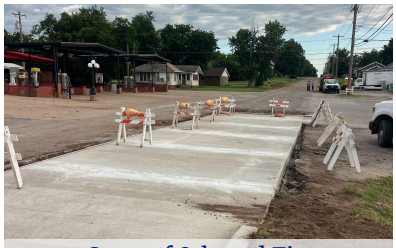
The City received great news last week with the award of funding for a new water booster station on the west side of town. Thanks to the efforts of Senator Chuck Hall and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Perry received funding that will allow this important project to move forward without placing additional burden on local ratepayers.

The new booster station will improve water pressure and system reliability for existing customers while also supporting continued growth on the west side of Perry, including Ditch Witch and future commercial and industrial development.

We are incredibly grateful for Senator Hall's support and advocacy on behalf of Perry and for the partnership of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board in making this project possible.



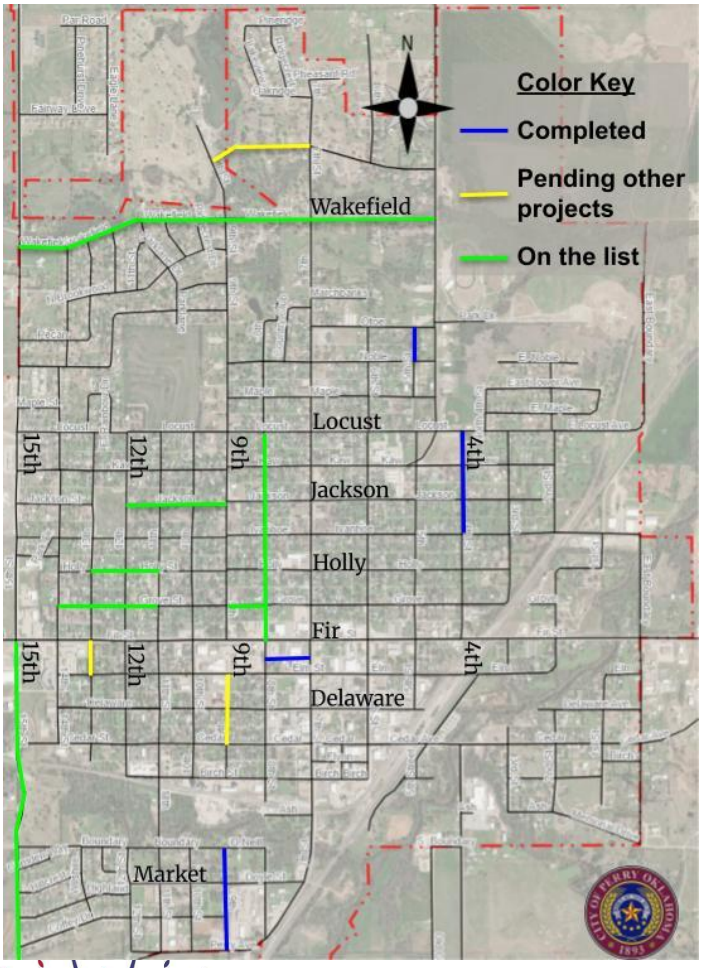
STREET IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY



Start of 8th and Fir, will continue North to Locust

Please keep in mind that we are aware there are additional streets throughout the community that need attention, and we will continue addressing those areas as projects move forward.

For now, this map highlights the streets currently planned for focus during Fiscal year 2027. As work is completed in each area, additional streets will be added to future project plans. Please note that these plans are tentative and subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances, funding, weather, utility needs, or other factors that may affect scheduling and priorities.

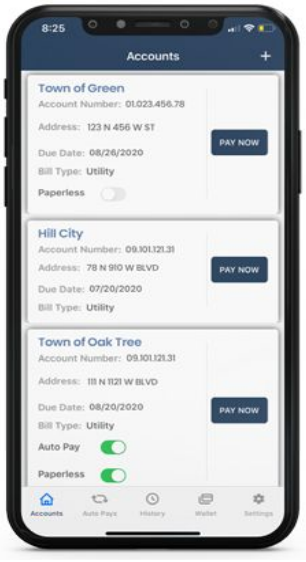




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PERRY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

MONDAY - THURSDAY 10AM-6PM
FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM

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SUMMER READING INCENTIVES

Reading Challenge: Ages 0-11 sign up downstairs and ages 12-17 sign up upstairs. Track your reading on our reading log. Return incrementally for prizes.

Library Closed for Independence Day on July 3rd

We offer free weekly events for different age groups and a reading challenge for children to earn incentives while they read.

Theatre Thursdays @ 10am on July 9th & July 23rd (18+)

Summer Activities "Unearth a Story" **All programs with asterisks require registration. Call 580-336-4721

Storytime @ 10:30am & 11:30am (Ages 0-5)
July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
Toddler Time (July 10th & July 24th @ 10:15am-11:15am)
Ages 0-5 and their adult caregiver can come & go free play hour.
STEM Stars (July 10th & July 24th @ 3pm-4:30pm)
Ages 6-11 Come & go STEM themed free play. Use the supplies to build and create something or learn with a library STEM Kit.

Forthcoming Books- put your name on a waiting list if they haven't arrived or if they are checked out. You need a library card for this service.



- Linda Castillo—Dark Path
- Emily Giffin—Love You More
- Kristin Harmel—Meet Me in Paris
- James Patterson—Country Road Murders
- Meghan Quinn—One for the Plot
- Lisa Scottoline—This Changes Everything
- Daniel Silva--Ransom

SRP Events: (Sign up in person or call 580-336-4721)
June 30th - Come & Go Tie-Dye: Outside - Bring a damp, cotton white T-shirt.
****July 7th—Nailed It & Games:** Recreate (and eat) a snack & games.
****July 14th – Escape Room:** Two rooms will be going based on age. Can you solve the clues to escape in time?
****July 21st – Shark Week:** Shark tooth necklace, watercolor painting, snacks and games.
****July 28th –Movie Showing:** Dinosaur movie with theater-style popcorn.

Ages 9-17 Events
(Registration Required – Scan QR code or call 580-336-4721)
July 1st @ 3-4pm **(Come & Go Tie-Dye)** – bring a damp, cotton white item.
July 15th @ 3-4pm **(Crafternoon/Game Day)**
July 29th @ 3pm **(Jurassic World Movie Showing)**

State Aid

We received about $7,500 in State Aid. We purchased a server, Vox books and more ranges of mobile shelving. Mobile shelving is wonderful since it allows us to reimagine the needs of the library. Traditional shelving is a beast to move!

Programming Attendance

We recently had someone inquire about attendance at programs. Our meeting room has a capacity of 40 people per Fire Marshall. We would love a huge meeting room, but I don't see that in the future. This is why we have sign-ups for programs and host multiple sessions. We included our attendance for the month.



May 13th	Storytime (2 sessions)	32
May 13th	Laser Tag	36
May 19th	Zoo Safari (6 sessions)	158
May 20th	Storytime (2 sessions)	42
May 20th	Walking Tacos for Teens and Tweens	9
May 26th	Miniature Golf (3 extended sessions)	68
May 27th	Storytime (2 sessions)	25
May 28th	Theater Thursday for adults	6

