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# City of Peru

## Frigid Fallout

Of all months, why did January have to have 5 Mondays? The month of resolutions past has been frigid at times, and unseasonably warm at others. The frigid cold and drastic temperature fluctuations accompanying the most recent Winter weather is keeping all City departments busy.

First, Peru Utilities has been responding to numerous water lines breaking, including eight separate instances in just the first week of 2018!

Next, the opposite of cold is heat, right? Well that's what the Peru Fire Department is noticing! As temperatures have dropped, fire runs have increased, with Fire Chief Hawk not-

ing fire runs were up drastically to begin the new year.

Third, the City Street department has been busy to say the least! In addition to clearing the city streets, the department has been working hard at clearing city properties, parking lots, and more. Sand and salt have been free flowing in order to keep roads travelable for all those living in and traveling through Peru.

Lastly, when the snow melts, only potholes remain. So, the street department has been working to patch these bad boys as well!

Shout out and a huge thank you to all of our City Departments for their hard work and efforts!



## Park Shelters for Rent

A few thoughts come to mind when a new year rolls around, including resolutions, tropical getaways (and how to pay for them), and PARK SHELTERS! Park shelters at Peru's Maconaquah Park are now available to rent for the 2018 season. However, popular weekends are going fast, so if you're in charge of the family reunion, get on the ball and

reserve your shelter today! You can reserve your park shelter by calling City Hall at 765-472-2400. Payment can be made the same day, paid online through the City of Peru website, or a check may be mailed to the Clerk-Treasurer's office. All payment types are accepted, including cash, check, and card.

## Community Calendar

Keep an eye out for the upcoming **City Auction!** Featuring items from the City Building, Police, Fire, Street, Traffic, Parks, and Animal Control departments! Items range from vehicles to office supplies, with a few surprises in between! Stay tuned for more information in the newspaper and on our City social media pages!

## You Da Real MVP

Have you ever wondered who takes care of the unkempt lawns throughout the City? Have you ever driven past a property one day and noticed it has dramatically improved just weeks later? This phenomena is the Code Enforcement Crew (CEC) contracted by the City of Peru's Building Department. Each year two temporary workers are contracted from March through October to do code enforcement work for the city, including mowing unkempt yards, trash and debris pickup, and bulky item pickup in direct violation of city code.

"This is a dangerous job," says Building Commissioner Jerry Santen, noting the workers en-

counter harmful insects, animals, and other dangers lurking in the tall grasses and trash piles they work with.

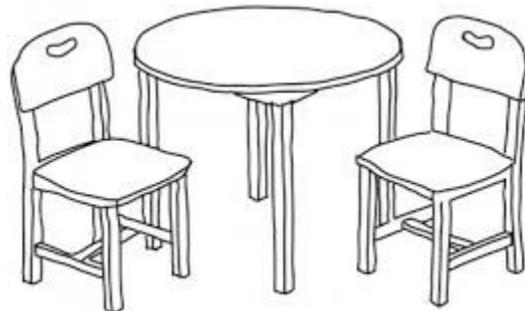
"These guys are our boots on the ground," says Code Enforcement Administrative Assistant Rebecca Thoden.

In addition to the physical aspect of the job, the workers also need to be well-versed in technology, as photographs are used to document the code violations and serve as physical evidence should any discrepancies arise.

The search is currently underway to fill the last remaining position, but it should be filled by mid-March according to Building Commissioner Jerry Santen.

## WANTED

Do you have a table and chairs you're looking to pass onto someone else to enjoy? Have you recently restored kitchen furniture that you're just dying to show off? Do you have a breakfast nook that just didn't \*quite\* work out how you envisioned it on your Pinterest board? If this is you, City Hall is looking for a table and chairs for our break room! A small set would work best with 2-3 chairs. Please contact 765-472-2400 to schedule a viewing of the furniture and orchestrate a drop off. We will soon be sitting pretty thanks to you!



## 4th of July

Each year the City of Peru puts on a spectacular birthday celebration for our nation. Peru's annual 4th of July city celebration takes place each July 4th in Maconaquah Park. Festivities begin at 5PM and run until dusk when the fireworks spectacular begins.

The City is already planning and prepping details for the birthday bash, having already secured entertainment and a few food vendors. But the planning is far from over! Event organizer Ashley Lowe says she wants to change things up a bit this year, so be expecting some surprises!

Games are one of the aspects Lowe is looking to change. Typically three games, seed spitting, hula-hooping, and sack races are conducted at the event, but Lowe will be re-vamping this lineup.

"We're looking to add a cornhole tournament if we can make it happen," she says. Anyone who has cornhole boards that they would be willing to let the City borrow the day of the



event is encouraged to contact Lowe at 765-472-2400.

"I would encourage everyone to suggest new games ideas for the event on our City Facebook page or suggest a new game for the day and tag the City of Peru in the post," Lowe says.

In addition Lowe is looking to add a bit of glamour to the Star Spangled Banner, finding the contestant via a singing competition a la American Idol style. Stay tuned to the City Facebook page for further details on this process!

"Just obsessively check our Facebook page for more details on the 4th of July event," Lowe joked, "We are posting looking for food vendors, games, and other event needs!"

Anyone looking for further details or who has cornhole boards is encouraged to call Lowe at City Hall at 765-472-2400.

## Community Calendar cont.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Miami County Chamber of Commerce "Business Buzz" from 8:45 am to 10:30 am at the Peru Civic Center. Chamber members are free, \$5 for non Chamber members. For more information, call the Chamber office at 765-472-1923.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lifetree Café will be at 6:30 pm at Peru Public Library. For questions about Lifetree café call Andrea Hammersley at 765-863-3701 or email at horse4bh@yahoo.com.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at the Moose Lodge #249, 110 N. Broadway from 9 am to 2 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your blood donation. Walk-Ins are welcome.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** – ReDiscover Downtown Peru Second Saturday will be from 5 pm to 9 pm, with food, arts, entertainment, live music, a kid's corner and a lot more. For more information check out their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/perusecondsaturdays](http://www.facebook.com/perusecondsaturdays)

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** – New Life Methodist Church 3039 W. 400 N; will be having a potato bake at Noon with a free will donation.