



# City of Peru



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## Trail Blazing

In April of this year, the City of Peru was awarded a large grant from the DNR for the ongoing Nickel Plate Trail project. The DNR awarded the City of Peru over \$200,000 in Recreation Trails Program (RTP) funds. This funding is to extend the Nickel Plate Trail through Peru and connect it to the existing Peru Riverwalk. Once completed, this will connect the Nickel Plate trail from Kokomo to Rochester!

While there has not been much ground moving, earth shattering work going on to the public eye, many steps have been taking place behind the scenes.

First, Green3, the landscape architecture firm the City of Peru hired to do the Nickel Plate RTP work, has performed their initial site visits and has formulated drawings of the proposed trail. This includes the trail path, parking lots, trail heads, markers, and much more!

Next, Green3's archaeologists have started the field work and reporting on the sight.

Green3 has also been collaborating with INDOT to perform red flag investigations (RFI) for each of the two proposed trail sections. These RFI's have been submitted to INDOT for review and comment.

Lastly, in September, the ecologists from Green3 will begin field work on the Peru trail sites. Work will not begin until Fall since this marks the end of growing season. This allows the ecologists to work easier since the vegetation has died back and they can get a better view of the areas. This field work will run from September to mid-October.

The Nickel Plate RTP project is one of the City's ongoing projects, and one that could be said to be blazing the way for a healthier Miami County. The new Miami County YMCA, which will be built near the new Nickel Plate extension, is another way the City of Peru is working to help make Miami County healthier for all.

## Community Calendar

**August 29<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.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Miami County Farmers Market at the Miami County Museum, from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information call 765-472-1923.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Comedy's Best Kept Secret Tour will be at the Literary Aid Society 21 W Canal St at 8 pm. Cost is \$15 GA, or \$20 for the Front Row. Call 765-469-7702 to reserve your seat today.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Open House at Garden Gate Greenhouse. Activities and games, for more information call 765-473-4992.

**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Peru/Miami County Community Garage Sales, 8 am to 5 pm. Call 765-472-1923 to get on the list!

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles Parish Bazaar from 8 am to 8 pm in the Parking Lot 58 West 5<sup>th</sup> St. Tenderloin dinner with choice of sides plus dessert. Tickets are \$9.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

**September 8<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.

## Community Crossings Grant

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is currently accepting applications for its Community Crossings Grant Program, Indiana's local road and bridge matching grant program. According to INDOT, Community Crossings is a matching fund for "shovel-ready" local construction projects, and the City of Peru has a few!

Projects that are eligible for INDOT funding through this grant include road resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation, road reconstruction, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance in connection with road projects. So, the City of

Peru will be applying for some serious road rehab!

Cities and towns with a population of greater than 10,000, like Peru, will receive funds using a 50/50 match. Since 2016, the State has awarded \$300 million in state funds to support local road and bridge projects around the state, and Peru is hoping to be the next recipient!

Applications and supporting materials are due by late September, with communities who receive funding for projects being notified by INDOT beginning this November. Stay tuned!



## Are you good with grass?

The City of Peru Municipal Golf Course is looking "fore" some help! The golf course is hiring a part-time, seasonal worker to start immediately and continue through late Fall. Duties would include anything and everything from mowing to trimming to weeding and more! This position would include maintain-

ing the Muni grounds and keeping it looking beautiful for all golfers! Applications can be picked up at the Municipal Golf Course or by calling Golf Superintendent Garry Clark at 765-469-2869. Please direct all questions to Garry Clark at 765-469-2869 as well.