TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager
DATE: December 20, 2018
SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Issues Update next week. Issues Update will resume in 2019.

City of Peoria Trash and Recycling Updates for 2019

![Image of Yes, Peoria Picks Up! poster]

Your trash and recycling collection day may be changing.

AS OF JANUARY 7, 2019

Find out your new collection day!

Getting started is easy! PeoriaPicksUp.com or (309) 674-5176, option 1
Based on feedback from residents, updates to the City of Peoria’s trash and recycling programs will go into effect starting on Monday, January 7, 2019. Please note that two-thirds of the residents in the City of Peoria will have new collection days starting on January 7, 2019. Trash collection will continue to be weekly. Residents will be receiving a postcard that will detail their trash collection day, which may be changing.

New to 2019, residents recycling collection day will now be the same day as trash collection but recycling will be collected every other week. Due to increased frequency of collection, the postcard will list Schedule A or Schedule B. Those on Schedule A can set out their recycling carts on their collection day, the same day as trash pickup, starting the week of January 7, 2019. Those on Schedule B can set out their recycling carts on their collection day starting the week of January 14, 2019. After that, recycling collection will be every other week.

Since the announcement of a new trash and recycling program made in October 2019, almost 3,000 residents have signed up for recycling carts. For residents who signed up for a recycling cart prior to December 5, Peoria Disposal Company will be delivering carts the week of December 17, 2018. Residents who signed up after December 5 will receive their carts in January 2019.

To sign up for a recycling cart, at no cost, or to learn your 2019 weekly collection day and recycling schedule, you can also visit www.PeoriaPicksUp.com or call PDC at (309) 674-5176, option 1. The Peoria Picks Up website also has information about trash, yard waste, and other disposal options.

**Community Development-- Downtown Peoria Named on The National Register of Historic Places**

The City of Peoria’s Downtown Peoria Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in a letter dated December 17, 2018 from the National Park Service. The newly created district contains a 17-block area in the City of Peoria’s Central Business District that includes 83 total properties. Roughly bounded by North William Kumpf Boulevard, Perry Avenue, Fulton, Fayette and Water Streets, the district is made up of Peoria’s earliest commercial developments dating from the city’s early growth period in the 1870s to the the Post World War II urban renewal period. The district’s diverse architecture and continual building activity over the century demonstrates continued vibrancy and relevance of downtown Peoria as a commercial, governmental, and cultural center.

Mayor Ardis stated, “This distinction provides developers with the opportunity to take advantage of tax credits that can rehab our historic properties for today’s market and provide new development, attractions, and amenities to an area that is already seeing investment nearby in the Warehouse District.”

Listing on the National Register can encourage rehabilitation of historic property as it allows for a higher percentage of federal tax credits than age-appropriate, non-historic property. Properties within the
Downtown Peoria Historic District also qualify within the River Edge Redevelopment Zone. Properties with both designations may also qualify for a state historic tax credit.

**Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat**

**Meaningful, relevant instruction for our students**

Earlier this week, the students in Woodruff Career and Technical Center’s intro to criminal justice class participated in a profound exercise by staging a mock sentencing trial.

Presiding over the mock trial was retired judge Glenn Collier, who briefed the high school students on the structure, nuances and consequences of a sentencing hearing, all while wearing his black judge’s robe. Students acted out the roles of prosecutor, defense attorney, defendant and witnesses as they went through the sentencing proceedings.

At the start of the semester, many of the students in the class raised their hands to say that they wanted to become lawyers. That’s when the class instructor, Douglas Heuermann, hatched the idea for the mock sentencing exercise. What better way to learn than placing the students into a real-life situation based off their dream career?

This is what school should be all about – relevant, meaningful instruction that allows curious students to pursue their passions.

At Peoria Public Schools, we are committed to providing these types of powerful learning experiences to the remarkable students in our classrooms, setting a foundation for their bright futures.

Serve Passionately,

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

**Code Violation Cases**

Please click on the link below for the most updated listing of upcoming cases.

[https://www.quicketsolutions.com/peoria/docket](https://www.quicketsolutions.com/peoria/docket)

**Housing Court**  Housing & Environmental Court will resume on Tuesday, January 22rd