TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager

DATE: January 24, 2020

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.

**Community Development Department – Adequate Heating Supply**

As Winter continues, the city of Peoria Community Development Department would like to remind residents of the importance of the following city codes as temperatures drop.

*Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units, rooming unit, dormitory or guestroom on terms either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply sufficient heat to maintain the room temperature of 65 degrees F. In addition, all occupied property in the City of Peoria must have active utilities.*

If you are renting a property that does not have adequate heat as described above, please inform your landlord of this responsibility immediately. It is important to have this conversation with your landlord. If they are unwilling to make corrections in a reasonable time frame, please contact the City of Peoria at 309.494-CARE. Cooking appliances should not be used, nor should portable unvented fuel-burning space heaters used, as a means to provide adequate heating. These can pose serious safety risks. For more information on Code Enforcement and Community Development, please visit our website at AppreciatePeoria.com.

The City of Peoria offers an **Emergency Repair Program** for homeowners with faulty heating facilities. To be eligible for this program, homeowners must provide homeowners insurance, pass income qualifications, be up to date on property taxes, do not owe any money (in the form of fees or fines) to the city, and mortgage must be up to date. For inquiries regarding the Emergency Repair Program, please visit AppreciatePeoria.com or contact our Development Center at 309-494-8600.
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Community Development Department – Engagement Opportunities

Engage with the City of Peoria

About the Engagement Opportunities with Community Development

Planning and Zoning Commission & Historic Preservation Commission
The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet to discuss special use permits, zoning text amendments, and more. The Historic Preservation Commission will discuss developments in local historic districts. Suggestions will be forwarded to Council for ultimate approval.
Questions? Contact Leah Allison at lallison@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8667.

2020 Roof Program
Questions? Contact Cassie Belter at cbelter@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8935.

One Stop Shop
Every Monday, Community Development and various local agencies, including the Health Dept, Fire Dept, and Public Works, hold One Stop Shop, where citizens can come to seek answers to all of their development-related questions.
Questions? Contact Leah Allison at lallison@peoriagov.org, or 309.494.8667.

Dates, Times, and Locations of Engagement Opportunities

ONE STOP SHOP
Every Monday - 1:30pm
City Hall, Rm. 404 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Mon, 1/6/2020 - 1pm
City Hall, Rm. 400 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Weds, 1/22/2020 - 8:30am
City Hall, Rm. 400 - 419 Fulton St, Fourth Flr.

2020 ROOF PROGRAM LOTTERY SIGNUPS
Mon, 2/3/2020 - Fri, 2/21/2020
City Hall, Rm. 203 - 419 Fulton St, Second Flr.

For more information or for persons with disabilities who may need assistance, contact the person listed under each heading or go to AppreciatePeoria.com!
Community Development- 2020 CDBG Roof Program

The Community Development Department will hold a lottery for the 20 openings in the 2020 CDBG Roof Program. Interested applicants must come to City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203 (Development Center) during regular business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) to submit for the lottery by completing an entry form.

The lottery will open on **Monday, February 3 at 8:00 am** and close on **Friday, February 21 at 5:00 pm**. The lottery drawing will be held on **Tuesday, February 25 at 10:00 am** in City Hall Room 400 (City Council Chambers). Entrants are not required to be present.

The first 20 selected entries in the lottery must submit an application with all the required documentation by **5:00 pm on Friday, March 6**. If the appropriate documentation is not submitted by that time, City staff will contact the next household on the list. There is a limit of one entry per household, but there is no limit to the total number of households that may enter the lottery.

An application help session will be held on **Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm** in Room 307 of City Hall. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements, including owning the home for at least one year, passing an interior and exterior inspection, and having active homeowners insurance. For complete eligibility, please view the application materials at [www.peoriagov.org > Government > Community Development > Grants Management > Applications & Forms > Rehab Applications > 2020 Roof Program > 2020 Roof Program Guidelines and Application](http://www.peoriagov.org).

For questions, please contact Cassie Belter at 309.494.8935 or cbelter@peoriagov.org.

Economic Development—POP-A-SHOT Relocates Headquarters to the Warehouse District

In April 2019 Tony and Kelly Stucker, owners of POP-A-SHOT, the original arcade basketball game, began exploring the possibility of moving their company to Peoria. Tony met with Kevin Evans then the Director at Small Business Development Center at Bradley. Based on a series of discussions about need for a location, Kevin referred Tony to Cesar Suarez, Senior Economic Development Specialist at the City of Peoria. The search for a new location in Peoria was underway.

On January 16, 2020 Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler officially kicked off the ribbon cutting ceremony welcoming POP-A-SHOT as the newest business relocating to the City of Peoria’s Warehouse District. POP-A-SHOT literally created the electronic basketball shooting game individuals have experienced in restaurants, bars and in their homes for many years. Founded in 1981 in Salina Kansas the company built a recognizable brand. In 2016 Tony and Kelly Stucker purchased the company and accelerated the growth of the brand. POP-A-SHOT has gained international acceptance as the brand leader for arcade basketball shooting games.

Since 2016 Tony and Kelly Stucker have continued to grow the brand and the company. It is the growth of sales and brand recognition driving the need to expand the profile of the company. This led to the consideration of moving the corporate offices. Will POP-A-SHOT play in Peoria? Staff from the Economic Development Department pointed out the rapidly growing warehouse district, low cost of acquisition of property, a skilled labor force, and numerous other financial incentives.
Ultimately the City was able to partner with POP-A-SHOT on the City’s Revolving Loan program which offers companies financing for renovation of space at low interest rates. POP-A-SHOT is the exact kind of company this program was designed to support. POP-A-SHOT was able to purchase, renovate and begin the hiring process in Peoria with the support of the Revolving Loan Program.

Visit Careers@popashot.net to learn more about employment opportunities. Visit www.growpeoria.com to learn more the Revolving Loan Program in the City of Peoria.

**Peoria Police Department- Meet New Resident Officer Jerry James**

Tuesday evening Councilman Tim Riggenbach hosted a meet and greet for the community and media friends to officially meet PPD’s newest Resident Officer – Officer Jerry James.

Officer James has been an officer with PPD for 4 years and brings a wealth of experience to his new position. Officer James has around 10 years work experience in social services including working with Peoria Public Schools, the Children’s Home, and the Center for Prevention of Abuse.
Officer James moved into his new residence, 1839 N Wisconsin, at the beginning of the month and is excited to begin his new assignment.

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

The Peoria Public Schools D² Diploma/Degree program will welcome its second cohort of students in 2020-2021 with the help of our partner, Illinois Central College. The D² program allows high school students in PPS to cross the graduation stage not only with a diploma but also with an Associate of Arts degree.

In initiating the D² program, Peoria Public Schools introduced a flexible and innovative approach to high school by offering students and families distinct advantages:

- A rigorous course of study to be better prepared for college and beyond.
- The opportunity to earn an associate’s degree ahead of schedule at no cost to families.
- Academic support from PPS and ICC instructors and counselors to monitor progress and address concerns.
- College credits that will transfer to all Illinois four-year colleges and universities.
- Transportation to ICC North campus in Peoria.
- The ability to maintain friendships and leadership opportunities developed in high school extracurricular activities.
Students entering their junior year at Manual Academy, Peoria High School and Richwoods High School are eligible to apply to next fall’s D² program. Students attend classes at ICC North, transportation is provided, and students finish classes in time to return to their high school for extracurriculars or attend part-time jobs or other responsibilities.

In the coming weeks, we will host parent information meetings at:

- Manual Academy, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.
- Peoria High School, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
- Richwoods High School Wednesday, Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Make-up date: 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13 at the district administration building

We look forward to meeting with parents, giving more details on the D² program and answering questions about this truly innovative offering for Peoria Public Schools students and families.

Serve passionately,

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

**Development Review Board Agenda**

Please see attached.
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Plans Distributed: January 22, 2020
Comments Due: January 29, 2020

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

The following information was provided by the Community Development Department and the Peoria City/County Health Department. This section is not intended for your review; the intent is to provide additional information.

Community Development Department

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