



Office of the City Manager

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager   
**DATE:** September 28, 2012  
**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.

**POLITICAL SIGNS.** The maximum size for political signs in residential districts is 8 square feet. The maximum size in non-residential districts is 32 square feet. There is no limit on the number of signs that can be placed on a parcel and there is no application, fee, or review required prior to the signs being placed. Signs on non-residential properties must be removed no later than seven days after the election. There is no requirement to remove signs on residential property. Complaints related to sign size should be directed to the Planning Department at 494-8600 or [planning@ci.peoria.il.us](mailto:planning@ci.peoria.il.us), or to PeoriaCARES at 494-CARE or [peoriacares@ci.peoria.il.us](mailto:peoriacares@ci.peoria.il.us)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT'S KIND DEED.** Rex Comerford, the Operations Director of Advanced Medical Transport, recently suffered the tragic and unexpected loss of his beloved wife. The Peoria Fire Department's Local #50 members voluntarily manned Advanced Medical Transport's ambulances in order to enable their employees to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Comerford. The Peoria Fire Department Administration sent the following letter to each of the nineteen Local #50 members that "stepped up" and assisted our EMS partners as a thank you for their generosity. "On behalf of the Peoria Fire Department and all of the Chief Officer's, we would like to commend and thank you for your generous act of volunteering to staff the ALS rigs for Advanced Medical Transport during their time of need. When a tragic event caused a staffing issue for Advanced Medical Transport, you came to their aid and allowed their employees the opportunity to deal with their loss. Your dedication and commitment in doing the right thing, without hesitation, is truly commendable. Kind deeds can be easy to do, but their impacts are endless. We appreciate your commitment to the welfare of our citizens and the community; all of you make the fire service proud."

**DON'T SHOOT INITIATIVE.** A fund has been established with the Community Foundation of Central Illinois for those wishing to donate to the Don't Shoot Initiative. The fund is called the Don't Shoot Peoria Fund. Contributions should be directed to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois at 331 Fulton Street, Suite 301, Peoria, IL 61602.

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DISCOVERY MILESTONE MEETING.** The Regional Economic Development Steering Committee has invited community members to participate in the "Discovery Phase" of the regional economic development strategy. The Discovery Milestone Meeting will be held Thursday, October 4, 2012, 5:00 p.m., at the FOLEPI Building, 2200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL.  
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