



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *PUK*

DATE: May 18, 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.

COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO) EVENT. On September 13, 2011, City Council approved \$320,000 in Federal HOME funds to Hand Up Development Corporation for the construction of four (4) new, affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes to be located at 1700 NE Madison (Council District 1); 2118 N. Bourland (Council District 2); 903 E. Nebraska (Council District 3); and 3415 W. Grimson Ave (Council District 4).

Below is an invitation from Habitat for Humanity, the partner organization with the Hand Up Development Corporation for a Walling Raising event at 903 E. Nebraska. The property at 903 E. Nebraska is the final project under Hand Up’s CHDO award for 2011.

Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area

>> **Wall Raising #93**
903 E. Nebraska, Peoria

SATURDAY, May 19 ■ 9:30 A.M.

Please plan to join us Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m. for the wall raising ceremony for Joy and her family at 903 E. Nebraska in Peoria. This is the 93rd Habitat build in central Illinois since 1989 and is the 14th house sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Peoria. The City of Peoria and HUD also are sponsors.

Habitat for Humanity ■ 931 N. Douglas St. ■ Peoria, IL ■ www.habitatpeoria.org ■ 309 676-6729

Habitat builds houses for hard-working families to buy.

MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION UPDATE. Homefield Energy, the winning supplier for residential and small commercial electricity supply in the City's recent bid, mailed "opt-out" letters to over 40,000 addresses in Peoria this week. Account holders who wish to remain in the City's program and pay 4.1 cents per kilowatt hour for the next two years do not need to do anything. Those who wish to exit the program must complete a brief form included with the letter and return it to Homefield Energy. Residents who remain in the program should begin seeing savings in their July or August bills.

The City has fielded a number of calls from residents who have all-electric homes (often called the "space heat rate"). These residents are not included in the program, and will not receive opt-out letters, because their high volume of electricity usage may bring the average cost per kWh below the City's negotiated price. In addition, any resident who has enrolled with Ameren's "Power Smart Pricing" or has signed a contract with an alternative electricity supplier such as Direct Energy will not be included in the program. Homefield Energy and Good Energy are putting together an "opt-in" program for these residents that will be publicized in a few weeks.

The website www.munienergychoice.com has been updated to include this information. Also included are instructions on how to find an individual household's "price-to-compare" for electricity supply on Ameren's website. Individuals with questions can call Good Energy's customer service line at (309)245-4566.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NEWSLETTER. The Project Newsletter from Public Works includes important information about the project and its managers. **Beginning Monday, May 21, 2012**, the intersection of Pennsylvania, New York, Glen Oak & Wayne will be closed, with detour signage posted. This closure is expected to extend into early August.

For information regarding the project, please utilize the phone numbers for the managers listed on the front page of the Newsletter.