



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*
DATE: September 6, 2013
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.

Peoria Ranks Top 25 in Global Trade

The Global Trade Magazine has ranked Peoria as one of the top 25 U.S. cities for global trade. The rankings were based on U.S. cities with the largest export volume increase in 2011 over 2010 statistics. Peoria ranked 12th, along with two other Illinois cities, Chicago (6th) and Decatur (25th). Overall, the State of Illinois ranked 10th in the top 10 states for global trade.

Top 25 Cities for Global Trade:

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| 1. Houston, TX | 14. Greenville, SC |
| 2. New York, NY | 15. Pittsburgh, PA |
| 3. Los Angeles, CA | 16. Minneapolis, MN |
| 4. Miami, FL | 17. Corpus Christi, TX |
| 5. New Orleans, LA | 18. Portland, OR |
| 6. Chicago, IL* | 19. Atlanta, GA |
| 7. Seattle, WA | 20. San Francisco, CA |
| 8. Detroit, MI | 21. Brownsville, TX |
| 9. Salt Lake City, Utah | 22. Bridgeport, CT |
| 10. San Antonio, TX | 23. Davenport, IA |
| 11. Dallas, TX | 24. Beaumont, TX |
| 12. Peoria, IL* | 25. Decatur, IL * |
| 13. Philadelphia, PA | |

To view the recent publication of the Global Trade Magazine, please visit <http://globaltrademag.com/econ-dev-summary-sept-oct-2013/>.

Peoria also ranked 18th among the top 50 metropolitan area exporters in the nation by 2012 export value. The ranking was released by the International Trade Administration, and indicated that the Peoria metro area accounted for nearly 22 percent of merchandise exports for the State of Illinois. Peoria's top export sectors included machinery, chemicals, fabricated metal products, electrical equipment and transportation equipment. To see the summary regarding Peoria's export statistics, please visit <http://www.trade.gov/mas/ian/metroreports/Peoria.pdf>.

Peoria Music Video Unveiled by Bradley University

Bradley University recently unveiled a music video that highlights the great assets of the Peoria area. From restaurants, shopping and entertainment, to education, sports and outdoor activities, the video captures many of the attractions Peoria has to offer. Please take a few minutes to watch the video which showcases the All-America City of Peoria at www.bradley.edu/nightinpeoria.