



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



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

Picnic with the Police

Please see the attached flyer regarding two opportunities to meet with Peoria Police on Saturday, July 13th.

June 23-26, 2013 Storms—Public Works Response

Heavy thunderstorms in the period of Sunday afternoon, June 23rd, through Wednesday, June 26th, resulted in flash flooding throughout the City. The storm that occurred overnight on Sunday/Monday, June 23rd/24th, resulted in heavy rains across the City, with anecdotal rainfall totals of up to 6.5” reported near Fargo Run Creek north of IL Route 6. Multiple storms on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25th and 26th, resulted in approximately 2-4” of additional rainfall, again concentrated in the north area of the City. The magnitude of rain that fell, combined with saturated ground from the very wet spring, overwhelmed public and private storm sewers and private sump pumps.

The Public Works Department received several hundred calls during this four day period. The Department’s initial response Sunday afternoon was to remove large obstructions from the street and assess areas hardest hit by the storm in order to assign crews the following day. A daily average of ten to fifteen crews, including loaders and brush chippers, has worked during the week on storm related issues. Along with responding to several hundred requests and complaints, crews surveyed areas affected by the storm. Examples of areas hardest hit with storm debris were the Bradley area, Near North End and Southern Valley.

Most property damage reports were concentrated in the areas of the City north of Northmoor Road, which can be seen in the attached map. Property damage ranged from backyard ‘slides’ and erosion to basement and yard flooding. Public Works is working with property owners who are eligible for the City’s Private Property Drainage Program to address damage on private property.

Please see the attached photos of flooded areas from Monday, June 24th.

Rain Garden Clean Up

Last Fall, the City of Peoria constructed its first Rain Garden Demonstration site on public property near MacArthur Highway and Richard Allen Drive, adjacent to Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center. The City received an environmental grant for \$6,000 from the Illinois American Water company to build the rain garden in the 500 square feet area.

The rain garden is a shallow depression planted with native perennial plants located in an area used to collect storm water runoff to allow the water to infiltrate into the ground, instead of entering the storm water infrastructure system. The native plants have deep root systems that help break down the soil to allow for more infiltration, reduce flooding, absorb pollutants and sustain wildlife in the particular area.

Due to all the spring rainfall, the rain garden was in dire need of weeding. Thank you to all the volunteers, including First District Councilwoman Moore and the Spring Grove neighbors, Commercial Grounds Maintenance (CGM), Foth Engineering, and the Public Works Department for pulling weeds, planting new plants, and placing mulch at the rain garden. Special thanks go to CGM for donating the mulch and Kathy from Simply Native Nursery for plant advice. The rain garden looks great. View the attached photos to see the final result.

Work Day Population Data

The US Census Bureau has released data related to population increases due to workplace commuting. This data is based on the American Community Survey. The prior data was from the 2000 Census.

Data highlights are found below:

- The population of Peoria increases from 113,853 to 142,257 due to in-migration of commuters.
- There are a total of 79,752 employed persons in Peoria.
 - Of the above number, 35,709 persons live and work in Peoria.
 - In-commuters total 44,043 persons.
 - Out-commuters total 15,639 persons.
 - Non-workers total 62,505 persons.
 - The combination of the persons who live and work in Peoria with the in-commuter persons and the non-workers totals the estimated daytime population of 142,257.
- Peoria has an Employment/Residence Ratio of 1.55. Any ratio over 1 indicates that a community has more jobs than working residents and as such, is an importer of labor.
- Within the Peoria metro area, the following communities are importers of labor (Peoria 1.55; East Peoria 1.43; and Morton 1.58). The following communities have more working residents than jobs and are exporters of labor (Bartonville .98; Pekin .88; Peoria Heights .61; Washington .61; and West Peoria .32)



Hey neighbors!
LET'S EAT!

PICNIC WITH THE POLICE!

Have a hot dog, chips, and a drink with your friendly neighborhood police officers!

Saturday, July 13th

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Blaine Sumner School

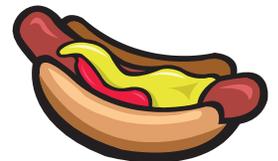
919 S. Mathew St.

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1:00 P.M. – 2:30 p.m.

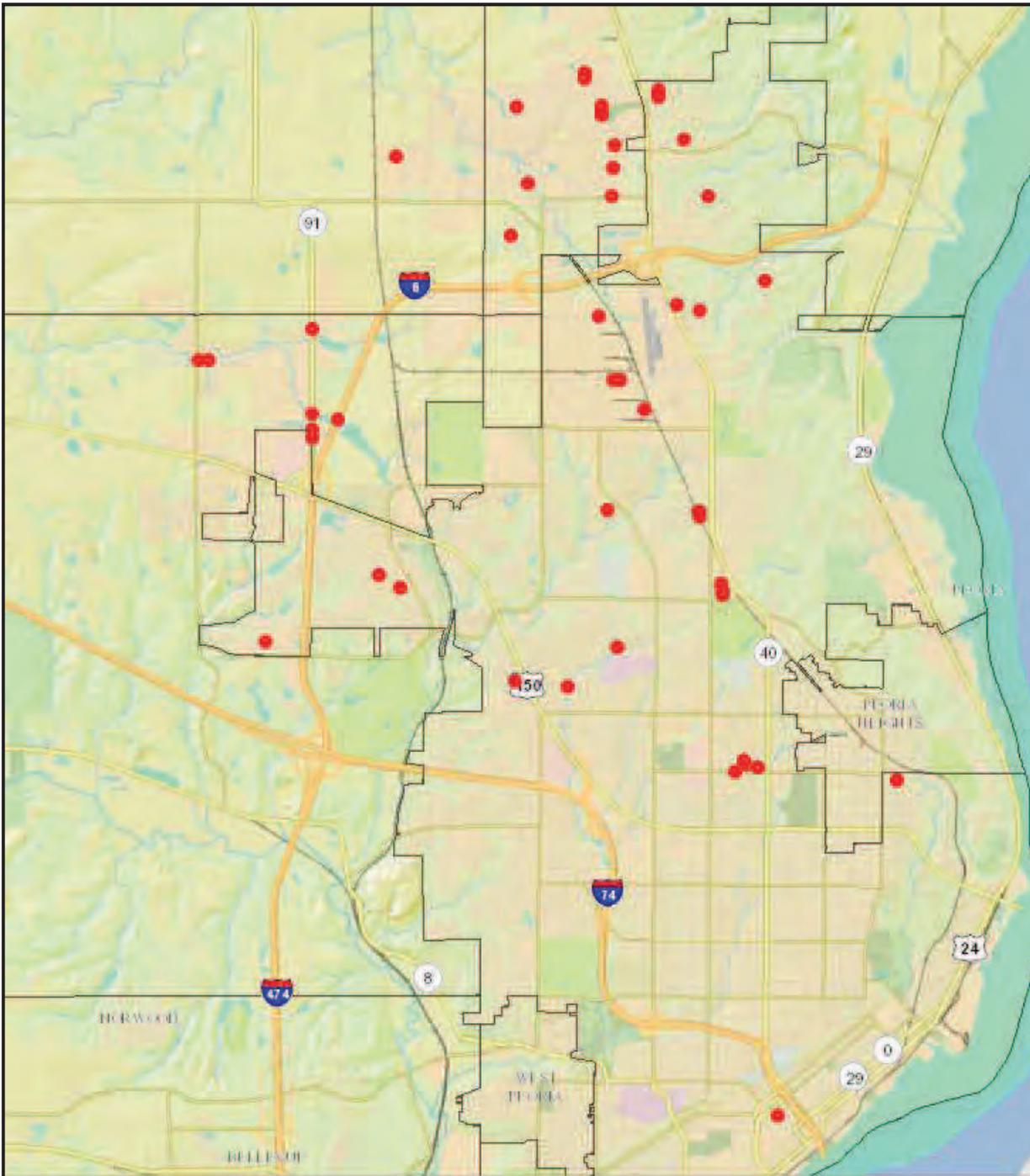
East Bluff Community Center

510 E. Kansas St.



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SUMMARY OF FLOOD DAMAGE REPORTS



Erosion Damage - 8

Flooded Yard - 9

Flooded Building - 21

Street/Walking Path Flooded - 6

June 24, 2013
Flash Flooding Storm

IL Route 6 closed
between War
Memorial and
Allen



Orange Prairie Road
construction site at
Fargo Run Creek



Storm damage at
Bradley Park



Street flooding at IL
Route 91 and
American Prairie