



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*
DATE: January 29, 2016
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--East Village Growth Cell Workshop



On January 28, staff from the Community Development and Economic Development Departments assisted East Bluff residents at a workshop, held at East Bluff Housing Services. The workshop assisted residents who were interested in applying for the East Village Growth Cell Housing Program.

The program will provide up to \$15,000 in assistance to home owners for qualifying residential improvements. The program is a 50/50 matching grant program. The minimum project is \$2,000, with a minimum matching grant of \$1,000 and the maximum project is \$30,000, with a maximum grant match of \$15,000. The property owner can reapply annually, but the maximum grant for a five year period may not exceed \$15,000. Eligible projects include exterior improvements, with the allowance for mechanical upgrades and energy efficiency improvements. The property owner must pay 100% of their cost (50% of the total project cost) to the contractor prior to any work being done. The City of Peoria will pay the remaining 50% directly to the contractor upon an approved final inspection.

Applicants must own and occupy property located within the boundary of the East Village Growth Cell TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district.

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Applications (and map) are available in City Hall Room 300 and at East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services and on the City of Peoria website (www.peoriagov.org/evgcapapplication) Applications will be received by city staff in City Hall, Room 300 beginning February 15, 2016 and will be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, as funds are available. No applications will be accepted prior to February 15th.

Economic Development—Innovative Financing For Small Businesses Workshop

The City, along with partner organizations, are hosting an event to promote available financing programs. The “Innovative Financing for Small Businesses” workshop will be held Thursday, February 25, starting at 8:30 at the Peoria Next Innovation Center. This free workshop will feature programs from the City of Peoria, Peoria County and Illinois Business Financial Services.

Registration is available by clicking [HERE](#). See the accompanying flyer for more information.

Peoria Fire Department—Badge Pinning Ceremony



On January 29, the City of Peoria Fire Department recognized recent promotions within the department in a Badge Pinning Ceremony. Congratulations to the following Fire Fighters: Chuck Lauss, Fire Chief; Ed Olehy, Assistant Fire Chief; Ron Jones, Division Chief of Operations; Tony Ardis, Battalion Chief; Tyson Pokarney, Captain; Scott Venzon, Captain; Doug Snowden, Engineer; Tom Stimeling, Engineer; and Josh Harris, Fire Inspector.

PSD 150 – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat

As you may know, at a special Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, our school board selected me to be the full-time, permanent Superintendent of Peoria Public Schools. I'm really humbled and excited to continue to lead Peoria Public Schools. I'm happy to be back home and I'm glad this process is finally over, pending a contract. There is a lot of work to be done, but we have accomplished a lot in a short time. I am overwhelmed by all of the support during my time as the Interim Superintendent and implore you to remain encouraged and engaged as we move forward. I need every individual's continued involvement and assistance now more than ever to move our District from good to great. I look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions for improvement and having continued dialogue. One of those areas that we must all work together to improve is our arts programming.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) passed by Congress in December, reestablishes music and art as core subjects, a change from the No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The act includes language that underscores states' responsibility to support arts education in public schools and allows districts to use Title I funds for the arts. The passage of ESSA was welcome news as the Peoria Public Schools has embarked on an ambitious plan to revitalize arts education at all grade levels.

This effort is coordinated by the District Fine Arts team, led by administrator Taunya Jenkins and including Peoria High School and Lincoln K-8 orchestra director Jason Warner; Lincoln K – 8 Assistant Principal Dan Hiles, and Roosevelt Magnet School music director Beverly Stenoish. In addition, retired educators Mary Jo Papich and Sharon Reed are currently serving as volunteer consultants, lending us their considerable expertise.

Offering Peoria Public School students top-quality and consistent arts education ultimately supports our focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) – Pillar 2 of our Strategic Plan adopted Monday night by the Board of Education. Arts education helps students develop empathy, understand human experiences and builds critical thinking, analytical, problem-solving and communication skills. Studying drama, dance, music and art expands students' cultural and global awareness. Research proves that students involved in arts activities have better attendance and graduation rates and fewer discipline problems. Participating in performance ensembles gives students presentation skills, self-confidence and a passion for learning that enhances all academic areas and that will bring success as adults. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, students and parents will notice significant changes in arts education. In a presentation to the Board on Monday night, the arts team recommended:

- All grade levels will use a consistent arts curriculum.
- K-4 students will have at least two class periods, one in visual arts and one in general music, during the entire school year.
- Middle school students will have three class periods weekly throughout the year consisting of one instrumental, one general music and one visual art.
- All middle schools will have a band, an orchestra, a choral program and a visual art program available, pending enrollment numbers.

In 2016 and beyond, the team recommendations include:

- Music and art programs will be supported technologically with SMART boards, current software coinciding with that being used at area colleges and universities, and sound and recording equipment installed at Lincoln and Glen Oak.

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- Increased collaboration with community partners, including arts organizations, the Riverfront Museum, college and university programs, the Peoria Park District and professional performance groups.
- Roosevelt will return to its role as an arts-focused magnet school for grades 5-8.
- More field trips, for performance opportunities and for audience opportunities.

In the past two weeks, every Peoria Public School 8th-grade student was offered the opportunity to audition for drama, dance, music and visual arts programs the Preparatory School for the Arts (PSA) at Peoria High School. The response was enthusiastic. By opening up the audition process and improving communication with middle school staff and with parents, the number of students auditioning rose to over 600.

As my friend and fellow educator, Mary Jo Papich, says, “The more kids are exposed to the arts, the bigger their dreams will be.” Our dreams of a dynamic, innovative arts education curriculum and programming are ambitious, and making them reality will require dedication from our staff and support from our community. Bringing the arts to our children will change their lives forever.

Serve Passionately,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Code Violation Cases

The list of cases for February 2 is attached.

Housing Court Cases

The list of cases for February 2 is attached.

Site Plan Review Board Agenda

The agenda for the Site Plan Review Board is attached. Comments are due February 1.

Innovative Financing for Small Business

February 25, 2016 • 8:30 am
Peoria NEXT Innovation Center
801 W Main St., Peoria



Networking and breakfast 8:30 am | Presentation 9:00-9:40 am | Q&A until 10:00 am

Are you looking to start or grow your business?

Creative financing solutions with attractive terms can make a big difference! Learn how low-interest, fixed-rates, flexible terms, and subordinate financing can be used to move your project forward.

Representatives from the **City of Peoria**, **County of Peoria** and **Illinois Business Financial Services** will demonstrate how to financially structure your project and receive the most attractive financing terms.

Learn how to turn your ideas into reality!

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**CODE VIOLATION HEARINGS
COURT DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

PAID	CASE NO.	OS NO.	DEFENDANT	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	PROPERTY ADDRESS	FINE	INS.	DISPOSITION
	16-CV-0172	15-15573	ERNEST ROSE HOLDINGS LLC	4505 N KNOXVILLE AVE	PEORIA, IL 61614	4505 N KNOXVILLE AVE	\$ 100.00	AE	
	16-CV-0156	15-15532	HIGHFILL, PAMELA	612 W WYNDERMERE CT	PEORIA, IL 61614	1524 N NORTH ST	\$ 100.00	AE	
X	16-CV-0176	15-15582	KATSCHKE, KENNETH	105 PECAN ST	EAST PEORIA, IL 61611	1815 N BIGELOW ST	\$ 50.00	AE	DISMISSED - PD 1/11/16
X	16-CV-0177	15-15587	MCCOY, JAMES	4502 W BRIDALWOOD DR	PEORIA, IL 61615	1818 N BIGELOW ST	\$ 100.00	AE	DISMISSED - PD 1/25/16
	16-CV-0159	15-15526	TAYLOR, JAMES	3926 N MILLBROOK RD	PEORIA, IL 61615	1609 N LINN ST	\$ 100.00	AE	
X	16-CV-0175	15-15550	PARKER, JULIAN & MICHELLE	830 W SCOTTWOOD DR	PEORIA, IL 61615	1513 NE PERRY AVE	\$ 50.00	DG	DISMISSED - PD 1/14/16
X	16-CV-0160	15-15538	WILCOX, WILLIAM	710 HAUNGS AVE	PEORIA, IL 61603	505 NE ROCK ISLAND AVE	\$ 50.00	DG	DISMISSED - PD 1/15/16
	16-CV-0152	15-15372	ALWAN, HENRI	4502 N KNOXVILLE AVE	PEORIA, IL 61614	1824 N MISSOURI AVE	\$ 50.00	JA	
	16-CV-0090	15-14973	ANDRADA, WILMER	1523 N BIGELOW ST	PEORIA, IL 61604	4031 W BRIGHTON AVE	\$ 100.00	JA	
X	16-CV-0109	15-14975	BLACKORBY, JENNIFER	1000 E CRUGER RD	WASHINGTON, IL 61571	4015 W BRIGHTON AVE	\$ 50.00	JA	DISMISSED - PD 12/23/15
X	16-CV-0089	15-14577	FLATT, JEFFRAY	1115 E BEHREND'S AVE	PEORIA, IL 61603	2013 N ATLANTIC AVE	\$ 100.00	JA	DISMISSED - PD 1/19/16
X	16-CV-0173	15-15567	GREEN, TROY	9100 S TERRY RD	MAPLETON, IL 61547	1917 N ATLANTIC AVE	\$ 50.00	JA	DISMISSED - PD 1/8/16
	16-CV-0174	15-15673	HEIM, ROGER K	4444 N KNOXVILLE AVE UNIT 302	PEORIA, IL 61614	103 NE ROANOKE AVE	\$ 100.00	JA	
	16-CV-0158	15-15434	SKIBBA, DOUGLAS	1608 N CALIFORNIA AVE	PEORIA, IL 61603	1608 N CALIFORNIA AVE	\$ 50.00	JA	
X	16-CV-0110	15-14979	ZOOK, MARK	1819 S CREST DR	PEORIA, IL 61605	507 E RAVINE AVE	\$ 150.00	JA	DISMISSED - PD 1/5/16
	16-CV-0192	16-175	FRAZER, CARRIE	210 W WILLOW ST	ELMWOOD, IL 61529	815 W NOWLAND AVE	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0193	16-162	HILL, KENNETH	1713 S STANLEY	PEORIA, IL 61605	1701 S STANLEY ST	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0194	16-163	HILL, KENNETH	1713 S STANLEY	PEORIA, IL 61605	2009 W GARDEN ST	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0195	16-176	HILL, KENNETH	1713 S STANLEY	PEORIA, IL 61605	428 S LOUISA ST	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0196	16-179	HILL, KENNETH	1713 S STANLEY	PEORIA, IL 61605	1803 W MILLMAN ST	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0197	16-158	HILL, KENNETH	1713 S STANLEY	PEORIA, IL 61605	1709 S STANLEY ST	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0228	16-239	KHATTAR, YOUSSEF	7637 N GREENVIEW AVE APT 1E	CHICAGO, IL 60626	3013 N GALE AVE	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0229	16-282	MACK, BRYAN	324 S BARNEWOLT DR	PEORIA, IL 61604	1115 E MCCLURE AVE	\$ 300.00	KG	DISMISSED PER INSEPECTOR 1/20/16
	16-CV-0230	16-268	RICHARDSON, RANDALL	714 W ST JAMES ST	PEORIA, IL 61606	1212 E MELBOURNE AVE	\$ 300.00	KG	
	16-CV-0182	15-15705	SALEM, CARLOS	1503 W CLAREWOOD AVE #3703	PEORIA, IL 61614	3418 W GRIMSON AVE	\$ 300.00	KG	REVIEW SET FOR 2/2/16
	16-CV-0157	15-15398	LINDERMAN, JULIE	PO BOX 1571	PEORIA, IL 61655	1600 W CALLENDAR AVE	\$ 50.00	LA	
	16-CV-0243	16-238	ALI, QASEM MUTHAMA, SALAH ALI, THABAT	612 S WESTERN AVE	PEORIA, IL 61605	600 - 610 S WESTERN AVE	\$ 750.00	NR	
	16-CV-0215	16-198	BURGER KING CORPORATION ATTN: PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNTANT	PO BOX 020783	MIAMI, FL 33102	1715 N KNOXVILLE AVE	\$ 36,000.00	NR	
	16-CV-0096	15-14937	WARD, JENNIFER	2318 N NORTHCREST DR	PEORIA, IL 61604	2318 N NORTHCREST DR	\$ 50.00	PM	DEFAULT \$ 100 1/12/16; DISMISSED DEFAULT RETURN MAIL - NEW COURT DATE SET FOR 2/2/16

TOTAL CASES = 29
PAID = 8
1ST APP = 28
DISMISSED = 9
REVIEW = 1

			HOUSING COURT 2/2/16	20 CASES				
AE	NO	09:00 AM	DAVIS DAVID/KAREN	HC-15-964	HAUNGS 0606-0606 1/2	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	DAVIS DAVID/KAREN	HC-15-1055	ALEXANDER 0603	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	WHITESIDE JEANNE	HC-15-876	ARBER 5315	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	MONTFORD GWENDOLYN	HC-15-862	DOUGLAS 1619	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	JOSEPH - GHSC ANNEX	HC-15-767	FARRELLY 2717	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	JENKINS TERRI	HC-16-130	GLENDALE 1422 NE	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
DG	NO	09:00 AM	MCREYNOLDS BRYAN	HC-15-946	MCCLURE 0714 W	02-Feb-16	REHEARING/DEFAULT \$500	
GW	NO	09:00 AM	BIDWELL CLINTON	HC-15-1078	SHELLEY 1001	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
JA	O	09:00 AM	HOHENBARY CAROLYN -THEDA	HC-15-1074	NEBRASKA 0723 E	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
JA	NO	09:00 AM	DAVIS TODD	HC-16-114	PENNSYLVANIA 0610	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
JA	O	09:00 AM	COBURN KEVIN	HC-15-1038	SHERIDAN 6309	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
JA	O	09:00 AM	FARNEY LINDA	HC-15-933	THRUSH 0721 E	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
JA	O	09:00 AM	MEDINA-KING MARY	HC-15-855	WISCONSIN 2131	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
LA	O	09:45 AM	TRAMMELL VIOLET	HC-14-472	BIGELOW 2300	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
LA	NO	09:00 AM	HEATON RHONDA	HC-16-137	ROANOKE 0104 NE	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
LE	O	09:00 AM	PIERCE THOMAS/MARIE	HC-16-075	CALIFORNIA 2639	2-Feb-16	REVIEW	
LE	NO	09:00 AM	WELLS FARGO BANK	HC-16-077	MAYWOOD 0313 E	2-Feb-16	REVIEW	
PM	NO	09:00 AM	RAND MANUAL	HC-15-1064	THRUSH 0719 W	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
PM	NO	09:00 AM	LONDUN	HC-15-124	WISCONSIN 1702 E	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
SCA	NO	09:00 AM	GREEN DIAMOND APTS	HC-15-891	UNIVERSITY 6516	02-Feb-16	REVIEW	
ZT	NO	09:00 AM	POTTERS HOUSE	HC-15-958	BLAINE 1010	02-Feb-16	REVIEW/DEFAULT PEND \$2000	



SITE PLAN REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Plans Distributed: January 25, 2016

Comments Due: February 1, 2016

Project ID	Address	Project Type	Project Description
16-14	321 NE MADISON AVE 18-04-478-004	Site Plan Review Board - Zoning Certificate	Change of Use - Cornerstone Building – Vacant to Restaurant/Brew Pub - Council District 1 - KS
16-15	1302 E FRYE AVE 14-34-382-001	Site Plan Review Board - Zoning Certificate	Change of Use – Commercial Retail to Restaurant (Take-Out Pizza) - Council District 4 – KS
16-17	736 SW WASHINGTON 18-09-331-010	Liquor Commission – Site Approval	Cracked Pepper Catering & Bakery, Inc., Class B (restaurant, 50% food) Liquor License w/ Subclass 8 (private functions on public property) & Subclass 10 (off-premise catering) – Council District 1 - TB/KS
16-18	1245 W MAIN 18-05-405-013	Liquor Commission – Site Approval	One World, Subclass 3 (beer garden) – Council District 2 -TB/LA
16-19	728 E FRYE AVE 14-33-480-014	Site Plan Review Board – Zoning Certificate	Change of Use – Convenient Store to Store/Restaurant – Council District 3 – LA
16-21	3440 W OAKCREST DR 13-36-253-001	Site Plan Review Board – Zoning Certificate	Park Shelter/Pavilion on Existing Tennis Court – Lexington Hills Apartments – Council District 4 - KS
16-22	331 FULTON 18-09-225-009	Site Plan Review Board – Zoning Certificate	New Construction - Rooftop Cell Tower – Council District 1 - KS

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