



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: December 3, 2020

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.

Weekly COVID-19 Press Briefing at 3:30 Today



**WEEKLY TRI-COUNTY
COVID-19 LIVE BRIEFINGS
Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.***

Livestream can be viewed on the Peoria
City/County Health Department's Facebook Page:
www.Facebook.com/PeoriaHealthDepartment

**Unless otherwise noted* www.pcchd.org/289

City Manager's Office-City Buildings Closed to the Public

Following the recommendations of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), City offices will temporarily close to the public beginning Wednesday, November 18, 2020. This ensures that the City of Peoria can carry out the needs of municipal government while protecting staff and residents. City Hall Hours of operation are from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

City staff will still report to work to handle daily business and requests from the public. The public will have to contact staff by phone or email. Departments and contact information may be found <http://www.peoriagov.org/government-offices/>

Complete Streets Webinar—December 10, 2020



Since the City of Peoria’s adoption of a Complete Streets Policy in 2015, the City has been working to continuously improve the process of designing, building and maintaining streets. This webinar is the first in a three-part series designed to gather insights from national experts, explore best practices and expand stakeholder education in Greater Peoria to help achieve the best outcomes in Complete Streets implementation. Sign up today for a free webinar to learn more.

About Complete Streets:

Complete Streets help everyone (walkers, cyclists, bus riders, drivers) move safely throughout our communities, no matter their age or ability. Implementation of Complete Streets also plays a key role in improving quality of life, vibrancy and sustainability by supporting place-based economic development, promoting active and healthy lifestyles and improving environmental health.

About this Webinar:

This educational webinar will be hosted by the Active Transportation Alliance and the Illinois Public Health Institute and is intended for policy-makers, government staff, community and economic development organizations, residents and others interested in coming together better understand the return on investment of Complete Streets.

To register, click here [HERE](#)

Community Development-Accepting Site Nominations

The Community Development Department is accepting site nominations for Phase I environmental studies to be conducted at commercial properties.

In 2019, the city of Peoria was awarded \$300,000 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to remove barriers to redeveloping industrial and commercial land through contamination assessment and

cleanup planning. Due to limited funding, not all nominated sites may receive funding for assessments. Brownfield redevelopment saves developers and local taxpayers on cleanup and infrastructure costs creating a healthier, sustainable, and more vibrant Peoria.

More information about the Assessment process can be found at http://www.peoriagov.org/content/uploads/2012/11/Peoria-Trifold-Final-Assessment-Grant_1604341110_add.pdf.

Interested parties can complete the site nomination form found at http://www.peoriagov.org/content/uploads/2012/11/Peoria-Assessment-Grant-Site-Nomination-Form_1604341103_add.pdf. Completed nomination forms can be emailed to grants@peoriagov.org.

For more information, please contact the Grants Division at grants@peoriagov.org

Economic Development—City of Peoria now accepting applications for the Business Recovery Grant!

Our Business Recovery Grant Program provides reimbursement grants for businesses negatively impacted by COVID. Business may apply for grants in three strategic areas: sustainability, capacity building, and transformation. Grants up to \$15,000 for businesses and hotels up to \$25,000 are available for “Qualified Business” for ‘Eligible Expenses’.

Should an additional round of funds become available, business may apply for additional grants.

You can review program materials [HERE](#)

You can Apply for a grant [HERE](#)

Business can recover faster by using one loan or combining loans and grants. However, funds cannot be used towards expenditures previously covered by other loans/grants such as PPP, EIDL, or BIG.

For more information on this and other incentives you can contact Economic Development via email @ economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org or by phone at 309 494-8640

Peoria Fire Department “KEEP THE WREATH RED” Campaign Celebrates 25 Years

The holiday wreaths that adorn the city of Peoria’s eleven fire stations from December 1st through New Year’s Day are more than just festive décor. The lighted wreaths are visual reminders that the season offers no holiday from fire-related accidents



At the beginning of the “Keep the Wreath Red” campaign, wreaths at all fire stations in the City of Peoria are illuminated with red bulbs. Peoria firefighters will replace a red bulb with a white bulb for each structure fire in a home or commercial building during the one month period observation.

During the 2019 “Keep the Wreath Red” holiday

campaign, 13 fire related incidents occurred with over \$487,450 in estimated damages and one civilian injury.

The Illinois Fire Chiefs adopted the “Keep the Wreath Red “ program in 1980 as an effective way to alert the community of fires caused by holiday decorations. The city of Peoria has been observing the program continuously since 1995.

Peoria Fire Department & Peoria Police Department-Santa Visits Danny Moreland

Danny Moreland has become a local celebrity because of his love for Christmas. The grass-roots campaign to send Danny Christmas cards even caught the eye of local news outlets, resulting in hundreds of cards being delivered each day! Read about the Christmas card campaign in [this article by Phil Luciano from the Peoria Journal Star.](#)

PPD, PFD, Local 50 and Kirk Edwards Foundation teamed up to surprise Danny. Check out the video of their visit (with a special guest star) [HERE](#)

Peoria Public Schools – Update from Superintendent Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat

Since mid-November, Peoria Public Schools 8th through 11th grade students have been meeting virtually with counselors to register for coursework for the 2021-2022 school year. Meetings will continue for several more weeks.

PPS, and particularly Woodruff Career and Technical Center (WCTC), is expanding program and coursework choices for high school students, with many programs offering college credits and internships and open to students district-wide.

Richwoods High School International Baccalaureate (IB) and Marine Corps. JROTC programs are both open to students throughout the district, as are the Peoria High School Preparatory School for the Arts (PSA)

and Manual High School Welding Pathway and Manufacturing Career Pathway programs, and its Army JROTC program.

The district's D² program also is available to students district-wide. The rigorous D² program gives 11th and 12th grade students to opportunity to pursue a high school diploma and Illinois Central College (ICC) Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree simultaneously.

Peoria High School students will have the opportunity to take Communications Arts courses including audio-visual production and editing in the school's new media studio and lab.

The Peoria Public Schools Online Academy is also a viable option for both high school students and those in K-8 grades as a flexible option for families seeking an alternative option for learning. At the high school level, the Online Academy allows for students to work at their own pace, including accelerating their coursework, and provides time during the day to work a job.

WCTC will offer nine new career pathways beginning next year: Horticulture; Accounting and Bookkeeping; Office Occupations; Renewable Energy; Entrepreneurship; Graphic Communications; Nail Technology; Teacher Pathway and Early Childhood Pathway.

WCTC already offers programs in: Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Cosmetology; Barbering; Hair Braiding; Collision Technology/Autobody; Construction; Certified Nursing Assistant; Emergency Services/Fire Science; Information Technology/Coding; Criminal Justice and Work Based Learning.

Students in 11th and 12th grade enroll in WCTC programs after two years attending their home high school. All WCTC programs offer certifications and, often, licenses, enabling students to enter their chosen career immediately upon high school graduation. Many also offer dual credit through ICC and internships with local employers.

Peoria Public Schools administrators and teachers continue to reinvent the high school experience with innovative and cutting-edge programs that will enable students to graduate prepared to be successful lifelong learners with highly marketable skills.

Serve passionately,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Community Development Department Weekly Report

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 12/2/2020

This summary document is produced on a weekly basis. It is used as an agenda for the City Development Review Board and as a transparency tool to allow the public to be aware of development in Peoria.

1. Summary Information

- **One Stop Shop** is held every Monday at 1:30 PM in City Hall. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various City departments, local utility companies, the Health Department, and CityLink.
- **Development Center Permits** can typically be issued immediately and/or do not require an extensive review period. These permits include most trade (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) permits, repair permits, new single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions.
- Each permit application includes a self-reported value of the project. The **Total Value of Development (YTD)** is the sum of these reported values.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	0	26
Development Center Permits Issued	20	1625
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 302,957	\$ 157,367,007

2. Development Review Board Projects

- The **Development Review Board** is a group of City staff, local utility representatives, and other local government agencies that review and comment on more complex development applications and cases that are required to go to a public hearing.
- A **Job** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance but does not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- A **Project** is a development application that requires multiple departments to review for compliance and requires a public hearing before a City Commission and in some cases, a final decision by the City Council.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each Job or Project is the primary contact person for any inquires.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-001734-2020	3626 N. Sheridan Rd 14-28-301-032	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – OSF Urgo	2	KW
COM-001737-2020	507 E. Armstrong Ave 18-04-279-022	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt - Easterseals	3	KW
COM-001751-2020	530 NE Glen Oak Ave 18-04-260-023	New Commercial	New Construction –OSF Cancer Center	3	KW
COM-001753-2020	530 NE Glen Oak Ave 18-04-260-023	New Commercial	New Construction –OSF Parking Garage	3	KW
COM-001777-2020	7310 N Villa Lake Dr 14-07-151-007	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – Smiles Design Center	5	LA

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COM-001779-2020	525 E Paris Ave 14-28-427-021	Commercial Alteration	Ext Alt – AT&T Cell tower	3	KW
COM-001781-2020	7528 N Grand Prairie Dr 13-11-176-013	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt - Pancheros	5	LA
RES-001756-2020	910 W Glen Ave 14-20-426-002	Residential Alteration	Solar Voltaic – Prestige Solar Solution	3	KW
PZ-000192-2020	1217 W Glen Ave, 4926 N University St 14-20-251-024, 14-20-251-010	PZC	Special Use for Vehicle Wash	3	KW

Additional Activity

- These projects are not subject to review by the Development Review Board.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-001722-2020	8500 N Knoxville 14-05-279-008	Sign	Freestanding Sign-Fastsigns	5	LA
SIGN-001726-2020	1500 W. Pioneer 14-08-126-027	Sign	Freestanding Sign-Dan Gray Signs LLC	5	LA
SIGN-001732-2020	2405 W. Dr. Martin Luther King 18-07-401-007	Sign	Freestanding Sign-Fastsign	1	LA
SIGN-001733-2020	2317 W. Dr. Martin Luther King 18-07-401-009	Sign	Freestanding Sign-Fastsign	1	LA
SIGN-001757-2020	7555 N Knoxville 14-08-277-013	Sign	Freestanding Sign – Aurora Sign Company	5	LA

3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued

- **Certificates of Occupancy** are issued after the work authorized by a permit has been inspected and substantially meets all applicable codes and regulations.

Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
5012 N Big Hollow Rd 14-19-177-010	Comm Alt	Milan Laser Hair Removal	4

4. Peoria City/County Health Department License Information

- The **Peoria City/County Health Department** licenses multiple types of food establishments. The information in this table is provided for informational purposes only.

Address	Business Name	Description	Council District
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7628 State Route 91 Unit A	Geo's Pizza	Approved plans	5
2200 W War Memorial Dr 14-19-451-012	Mr. Dough	Fryers and pizza ovens listed on plans	4

- The following table provides contact information for the **Community Development Staff** who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

Community Development Department Staff Contact Information			
Leah Allison (LA) Senior Urban Planner	494-8667	Kerilyn Weick (KW) Senior Urban Planner	494-8606
Josh Naven (JN) Senior Urban Planner	494-8657	Wes Stickelmaier (WS) Building Inspections Coordinator	494-8608
Craig Reid (CR) Building Inspector	494-8925	Matt Ziller (MZ) Building Inspector	494-8628
Rich Storm (RS) Plumbing Inspector	494-8632		