



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*
DATE: November 19, 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

The banner features a background of orange and red virus particles. On the right side, there is a logo for Public Health with the tagline "Prevent. Promote. Protect." and the text "Peoria City/County Health Department" and "www.pcchd.org". The main text in the center reads "WEEKLY TRI-COUNTY COVID-19 LIVE BRIEFINGS Thursdays at 3:30 p.m*". Below this, it says "Livestream can be viewed on the Peoria City/County Health Department's Facebook Page: www.Facebook.com/PeoriaHealthDepartment". At the bottom left, it says "*Unless otherwise noted" and at the bottom right, it says "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

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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/>

Mayor Jim Ardis stated, “Closing City buildings to the public is an important preventative measure to protect our staff while allowing us to continue our services. We are still available by phone or email to assist your needs. We thank the public for their understanding.”

The reopening to the public will be dependent on COVID-19 cases in the area.

Please visit www.peoriagov.org for City Information or call 494-CARE

Community Development- 2021 CDBG Public Services Application Available

The city of Peoria receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Up to 15% of the annual funding amount can be used to fund public services that serve City of Peoria residents residing in low-income households. This funding is available to not-for-profits, 501(c)3 organizations, and government agencies.

The application period for 2021 CDBG Public Services funding opened at 8:00 am on Monday, November 2nd and will close at 3:00 pm on Monday, November 23rd. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission, and agencies will be notified of funding decisions following City Council approval.

To learn about program eligibility, access the application, or view a recording of the online application training session, please visit <http://www.peoriagov.org/community-development/neighborhood-development-division/> > “Applications & Forms” > “CDBG Public Services.” For other questions, please contact Cassie Belter, Grants Coordinator, at cbelter@peoriagov.org or 309.369.2060.

Economic Development—Business Recovery Grant Now Available to Help Businesses Recover Faster

The City of Peoria has established a new program, named the Peoria Business Recovery Grant (BRG) Program, to assist Hotels with responding to the economic losses caused by COVID-19. This new grant program would provide financial assistance of up to \$25,000 to Hotel businesses in Peoria.

The Peoria Business Recovery Grant will reimburse hotels for COVID-19-related expenses. A per room allocation will be used to determine the amount of the grant up to a maximum of \$25,000. Hotels operating within the boundaries of the City of Peoria may apply for a grant. Grant applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis until the funds are exhausted. Hotels may begin submitting applications immediately.

Businesses can learn more about the Peoria Business Recovery Grant program by contacting the Economic Development Department of the City of Peoria via email at economicdevelopment@peoriagov.org by phone at 309-494-8640.

Peoria Police Department- Reduction in Peoria Police Department Lobby Services

In accordance with other City of Peoria closures the Peoria Police Department Lobby is closed.

The following lobby services are suspended:

- Photos for outside government ID's (ex. Family Core)
- General fingerprinting for public and non-urgent circumstances
- Clearance letters (for prospective employees, adoptions, Visa applications, etc)

In addition, anyone formerly utilizing the lobby as a safe location for the exchange of goods in on-line transactions, the visitor parking lot on Walnut will remain available for this purpose. Anyone utilizing the Walnut Street parking lot for this purpose should be aware camera coverage is not continuously monitored. Therefore, if using this lot, please feel free to call (309) 494-8301 to ensure monitoring if necessary.

Services NOT suspended:

To access these services, please call (309) 494-8301 for instructions

- Sex Offender Registrations
- Vehicle Tow/Impound Releases
- Fingerprinting for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulations (i.e. nurses/physicians or other state departments requiring fingerprinting for licensing reasons)

Interviews as required in the furtherance of police investigations.

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

Peoria Public Schools students and their families received a wonderful gift through the Peoria Riverfront Museum Every Student Initiative. Peoria Public School K-8 students and their families

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can visit the Peoria Riverfront Museum free beginning next week through May 1, 2021 through a new Every Student Initiative *Student+Family Museum Fun Pass*.

Since 2017, The Every Student Initiative has provided annual curriculum-based field trips to the museum for every PPS kindergarten through 8th grade student. The Every Student Initiative is supported by museum Visionary Society donors led by the Barton Family Foundation.

The Student+Family Museum Fun Pass initiative, funded through a \$500,000 commitment by donors in celebration of National Philanthropy Month, will help families visit the Peoria Riverfront Museum at no charge. The pass includes a free full-length or educational giant screen movie and popcorn and free visits to any exhibition including "Guitar: The instrument that rocked the world" and a free daytime planetarium show.

Students who complete all three museum experiences by May 1 -- watch a movie, explore an exhibit and see a planetarium show -- will win two passes to see "T. rex: The Ultimate Predator," an internationally acclaimed exhibition opening May 29. The "T. Rex: The Ultimate Predator," sponsored by CEFCU, travels directly from its creator, the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The museum's goal is to provide students and their families with fun and inspirational learning experiences through the holidays and beyond, particularly since school field trips are on hold.

Schools will distribute the *Student+Family Fun Pass* to students this Friday and next Monday. The pass is for every family regardless of size.

We are thrilled that Peoria Public School families will have this opportunity for extra fun and learning this year.

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: 11/18/2020

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	1	26
Development Center Permits Issued	34	1,583
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 781,823	\$ 156,284,091

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
RES-001699-2020	2038 W. Geneva Rd 09-30-486-001	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel –Eagle Point Solar	5	LA
Res-001688-2020	9400 N. Boyds Hollow Rd 09-33-326-003	Residential Alteration	Solar Panel-Legacy Solar	5	LA
COM-001691-2020	1530 W. Altorfer Dr 14-05-352-005	Commercial Alteration	Interior Alteration-Mid-Illinois Companies	5	LA
COM-001670-2020	3650 N. Meadowbrook Rd 14-29-327-009	Commercial Alteration	Interior Alteration-UHC of Central Illinois	2	KW
Job ID 20-747	210 NE Madison 18-09-227-015	New Commercial	Madison Apartments II Revision-Core Construction	B1	JN

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Additional Activity

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

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-001681-2020	330 SW Adams St. 18-09-258-004	Sign	Wall Sign	B1	JN
SIGN-001692-2020	7419 N. University St 14-07-276-002	Sign	Wall Sign-Signs Matter	5	LA
SIGN-001698-2020	4010 N. Brandywine Dr 14-29-101-006	Sign	Freestanding Sign-Chicagoland Signs	4	LA
SIGN-001715-2020	4700 N. University St 14-20-401-044	Sign	Wall sign – Joupperi Design	3	KW
SIGN-001716-2020	1550 W. Pioneer Pkwy 14-08-126-027	Sign	Freestanding Sign – Fastsigns	5	LA
SIGN-001722-2020	8500 N. Knoxville Ave 14-05-279-008	Sign	Wall Sign-Zendavor Signs and Graphics Inc.	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
11103 N. Tuscany Ridge Ct	NSFD	Peoria Builders	5

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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- 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)	494-8667	Kerilyn Weick (KW)	494-8606

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Senior Urban Planner			Senior Urban Planner	
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			