



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: February 11, 2021

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 -Link to Video

The weekly COVID19 press briefing was held on February 10 to coordinate a visit with Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. Thursday briefings will resume next week.



A link to the video may be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/PeoriaHealthDepartment/videos/178066197035335>

For information on COVID19, including vaccine and testing sites, please visit

<https://www.pcchd.org/289/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

Community Development--Temporary Campaign Signs

Please remember that while there is no requirement to obtain a permit for a temporary campaign sign, there are a few rules that need to be followed related to the placement of these signs in Peoria.

- Temporary signs on residential properties (single-family and apartments) cannot exceed 8 square feet.
- Temporary signs on non-residential properties cannot exceed 32 square feet.
- There is no limit on the number of signs that can be placed on a property.
- There is no limit on how long a sign can remain on the property.
- Temporary signs must be kept in good condition.
- Temporary signs cannot move or give the appearance of movement. This would include teardrop banner flags, bunting, etc.
- Temporary signs should not be placed in a location that creates a dangerous sight-line situation for vehicles and pedestrians. This is typically only an issue for large signs at corner properties.
- As a courtesy, we would suggest that you obtain the permission of the property owner before placing a sign on private property.
- Temporary signs cannot be placed on the public right-of-way. This is typically the area between the sidewalk and the street but can extend behind the sidewalk. The right-of-way also includes all boulevards, intersections, medians, and roundabouts.

The City requests the cooperation of all candidates in following these regulations. Violations on private property will result in a warning. If the violation is not corrected, a ticket may be issued to the property owner. All signs in the public right-of-way will be removed without warning. Please contact the City Community Development Department at communitydevelopment@peoriagov.org with any questions related to the placement and size of campaign signs.

Community Development- IHDA Released Application for Nonprofits to Provide Housing Stability Services and Rental Assistance

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (“IHDA”) is pleased to announce its request for applications for Housing Stability Services (“HSS”) for the Illinois Rental Payment Program (“IRPP”).

In this program, IHDA will work with non-profit organizations to provide rental assistance to tenants in need. The program provides up to \$15,000 for 9 months of rental arrears and three months of forward rent covering July 2020 to June 2021. IHDA anticipates that this program will be up and running later this Spring. Housing counseling agencies, community-based organizations, and non-profit organizations including legal assistance groups are eligible to

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apply if they have experience with information and outreach, and client intake and management procedures.

Local governments are **not** eligible to apply for this funding nor are they eligible to implement the Illinois Rental Payment Program, but the city of Peoria Community Development Grants Division is ensuring nonprofits are aware of this funding opportunity. A future IHDA announcement will notify landlords and tenants when the application period opens for assistance.

Completed applications will be accepted up to the deadline of **February 23, 2021, by 3:00 pm CST**. Additional information will be posted on [IHDA's website](#) as it becomes available.

Households Selected in 2021 Roof Repair Program Lottery on February 9th

At 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 9th, the city of Peoria held the 2021 Roof Repair Program Lottery remotely via GoToMeeting where 20 households were selected to receive assistance.



The first 20 selected entries in the lottery must provide all required documentation by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 26th. If the appropriate documentation is not submitted by that time, City staff will contact the next household on the waitlist. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements, including owning the home for at least one year, passing an interior inspection, and having an active homeowners insurance policy.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the list of selected households and the waitlist for assistance.

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

Eight Peoria Public School teachers were recently awarded PNC First Grants from the PNC Foundation-Ruby K. Worner Charitable Trust.

Reading through the winning projects, it is clear that providing students hands-on, tactile ways of learning was a priority this year.

The award winners and their projects were:

- **Mary LaKemper, Franklin Primary School, *Amazing Authors and Nifty Narratives*.** LaKemper's students will explore basic components of the narrative genre and apply their knowledge in the creation of a personal, narrative writing portfolio.
- **Annie Mayo, Glen Oak Community Learning Center, *Glen Oak Golden Chargers Learn and Grow Garden*.** Through Mayo's K-4 project, each grade level will be responsible for a different aspect of their garden. Kindergarten and first grade students will plant butterfly gardens in front of the school. Second grade students will raise butterflies from caterpillars. Third graders will start vegetable seeds under grow lights in the classroom and transfer the seedlings to raised beds built by fourth-grade students. The fourth-graders also will tend the vegetable garden until harvest-time. The year will end with a garden party and butterfly release.
- **Joey Syed, Kellar Primary School, *Manipulatives for Learning*.** This project will give kindergarten students multiple kinesthetic/tactile and hands-on experiences to reinforce pre-reading, reading and math foundational skills.
- **Rhonda Walker, Knoxville Center for Student Success, *Horticulture Garden*.** KCSS horticulture students will work with a local community garden to provide community-service and build their horticulture knowledge.
- **Hedy Elliott-Gardner, Lincoln K-8, *Outside the Bag*.** Elliott-Gardner's project will give her School within a School students the opportunity to move away from screen-based learning to design and create tangible solutions to real-world problems. Each student will receive a Mystery Bag containing a written problem and a variety of materials to devise a solution for the problem.
- **Leigh Ann Cloud, Peoria High School, *Ebooks: Building Relationships Through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Titles*.** Cloud is building an Ebook collection through the Gale Cengage eBook platform. The books in the Gale Cengage platform are intended to provoke thoughtful discussions and evidentiary support for research papers or projects in English, social studies, business and fine arts. Titles focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion to promote student activism within our school and community and to expand students' understanding of marginalized peoples. Titles include *Teen Guide to Student Activism, Recognizing Microaggressions, Questioning Cultural Appropriation, Online Shaming and Bullying, Obesity, Networking for Teens with Disabilities and Their Allies*, and *Looking at Privilege and Power*.
- **Cheryl Halms, Trewyn Therapeutic Program, *Food Chemistry...How Will Your Body Respond to That Mountain Dew?*** Halms' project will teach students to distinguish foods that fuel their bodies, develop a smart brain and a strong body.
- **Denise Fritsch, Whittier Primary School, *Whittier Worthwhile Projects*.** The grant will provide art supplies to engage students creatively and actively through art.

Congratulations to these outstanding members of the PPS team!

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With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Weekly Community Development Report

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 2/10/2021

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	4
Development Center Permits Issued	28	152
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 465,216	\$ 5,454,914

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

Additional Activity

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

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-002125-2021	7618 N State Route 91 13-11-200-013	Sign	Wall Sign	5	LA
SIGN-002134-2021	7528 N Grand Prairie Dr 13-11-176-013	Sign	Wall Sign	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.

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Address	Type	Business Name	Council District
1617 N Great Oak Rd 18-06-101-004	Final CO	Parkwood Commons	2

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) 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		