



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

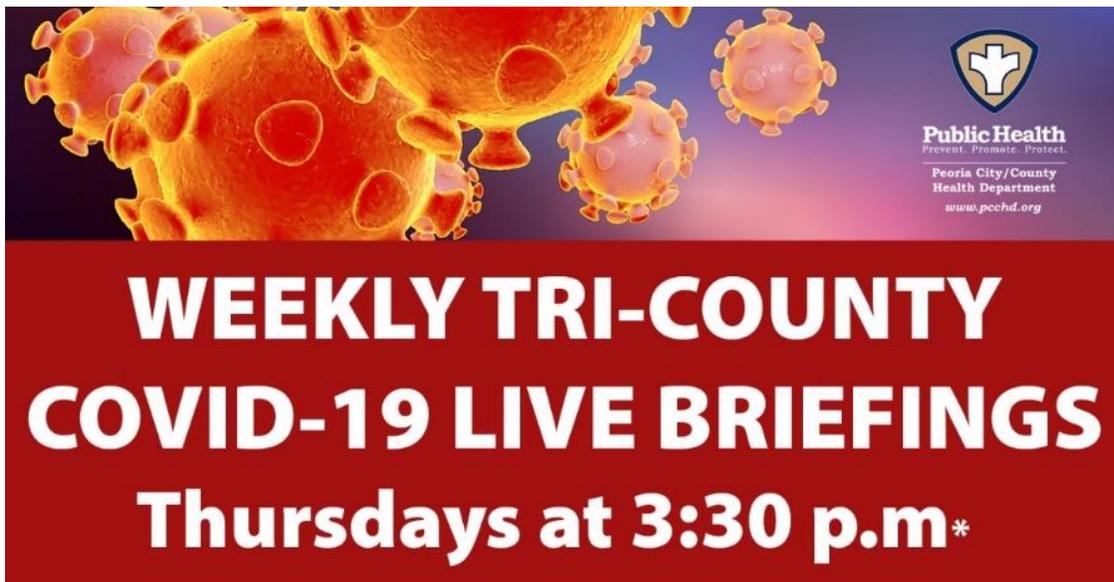
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: May 6, 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 at 3:30 Today

A banner for a COVID-19 press briefing. The top half features a blue background with several orange and yellow virus particles. On the right side, there is a logo for "Public Health" with a white cross on a blue shield, and the text "Prevent. Promote. Protect." below it. Underneath that, it says "Peoria City/County Health Department" and "www.pcchd.org". The bottom half of the banner has a red background with white text that reads "WEEKLY TRI-COUNTY COVID-19 LIVE BRIEFINGS Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.*".

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**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](https://www.facebook.com/PeoriaHealthDepartment)

**Unless otherwise noted*

www.pcchd.org/289

Community Development-City of Peoria to Help Residents with New Utility Assistance Program

The city of Peoria has launched a Utility Assistance Program to provide utility bill relief to households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of \$300,000 has been dedicated to the Utility Assistance Program, providing up to six consecutive months of payments for delinquent electric, gas, or water bills to approved applicants.

The Utility Assistance Program, made possible through the federal CARES Act that awarded the city of Peoria with funding in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding to assist our community's response to COVID-19. The Utility Assistance Program helps keep residents in their homes and prevent homelessness.



The application period is open until 5:00 PM on Friday, May 14th. Applicants must be City of Peoria residents living at or below 80% of the median area income. Applicants will be asked to complete the application and provide supporting documents. Applications are available online or in paper form at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, Illinois, 61602. Residents may call 309-369-2060 to have a paper application mailed to them.

The lottery will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:00 AM via GoToMeeting. Applicants do not need to be present to be selected. The selected applicants will be contacted by City staff and a list of the selected applicants will be available at www.appreciatepeoria.com.

An online training session is available via www.appreciatepeoria.com, the City of Peoria's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFSvbSbrYFWbq_YbYEJRR2w and Channel 22 to assist residents with the application process. Residents may also call Cassie Belter, Grants Coordinator at 309-369-2060 for application assistance.

No-Charge Permit for Fence Construction

Starting Monday, May 3rd, the Community Development Department is asking all contractors and property owners to submit a no-charge permit for constructing new fences.

This new process will help to reassure residents and City staff that all zoning requirements are being met to prevent any confusion about fence requirements in the city of Peoria.

The Fence Zoning Certification Application can be found [HERE](#) at the city's website or by stopping by the Development Center from 8:00 AM- Noon in Room 203 at City Hall.

Please contact Urban Planner Glen Wetterow at 309-494-8649 with any questions about fencing requirements.

Informational Meeting on Land Bank Proposal at Gateway Building on 5/6 at 5:30 PM

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On Thursday, May 6th from 5:30 PM – 6:30, the city of Peoria will host an informational meeting on the potential creation of a City of Peoria Land Bank at the Gateway Building, 200 NE Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

The meeting will have limited capacity due to COVID-19 state guidance. Masking and social distancing will be observed.

This meeting will provide residents and members of the public an opportunity to hear additional information about the proposal to create a land bank in the city of Peoria.

If you are interested in learning more about the proposed land bank item but are unable to attend Thursday's meeting, please contact Joe Dulin, Assistant Director of Community Development at jdulin@peoriagov.org or 309-494-8631.

May is Building Safety Month

The City of Peoria Community Development Department is celebrating Building Safety Month this May. The month-long public awareness campaign, in its 41st year, is designed to help individuals, families, and businesses understand the importance of safe and sustainable structures in our community while highlighting the important role that building safety plays in maintaining public safety. The theme this year is "Prevent. Prepare. Protect. Building Codes Save".

Communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapses. Model building codes are society's best way of protecting structures from these types of potentially devastating situations.

The Building Safety Division and Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department continues to keep the public safe by ensuring all applicable national, state, and local building codes and ordinances are being followed.

Please contact the Development Center at CommunityDevelopment@peoriagov.org or (309) 494-8600 for any questions about permitting and plan review or visit AppreciatePeoria.com for more information on the Community Development Department.

Economic Development-Greater Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

May 5th Cinco de Mayo commemorates Latino culture and celebrates Mexico's symbolic win over the French in the 1862 Battle of de Puebla. It was also the launch of the Peoria Hispanic Chamber website. <https://www.peoriahispanicchamber.com/>

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Greater Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) whose mission is grow commerce, community and culture for Latinos in Greater Peoria. Businesses seeking to connect with the growing Latino market throughout Greater Peoria are invited to join. To learn more about membership visit: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pu9z5neejzuprrf/GPHCC%20-%20Membership%20-%20Application%20Packet%20-%202021-05-04.pdf?dl=0>

To learn more about the Greater Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce contact Cesar Suarez at 309 280 1052

Peoria Public Schools –

To say that Teacher Appreciation Week was given new meaning this year would be an understatement.

One year ago, many educators were assuming that the COVID-19 pandemic would last just a few months and we would return to our school buildings and classrooms in August. Instead, parents, teachers, transportation and food service staff and administrators have changed course numerous times in 12 months.

Peoria Public School teachers have performed amazing feats to keep our students engaged and progressing.

During Virtual Learning @ Home in the early fall, December and January, they not only taught the expected math, language arts, science, social studies and fine arts lessons, but perceptively gauged the social and emotional temperament of students through a screen or just by listening to their voice on audio. During hybrid learning, teachers juggled the needs of the students in the classroom and the students at home. Some teachers chose to focus on virtual teaching with Acellus and Edgenuity, again helping students overcome challenges of a new, strange style of learning.



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Peoria Public School teachers organized holiday drive-by giveaways at Halloween and Christmas. They visited students' homes to encourage virtual attendance, trouble-shoot technological problems with streaming devices and deliver curriculum material and food baskets.

The new Peoria Public Schools Strategic Plan lists the district's values as:

Resilience, Adaptability, Hope, Equity, Respect, Connection, and Innovation.

This past year, it became clearer than ever that Peoria Public School teachers personify each of

With Gratitude,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

Environmental Health Docket

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 5/5/2021

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	0	16
Development Center Permits Issued	21	432
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 986,424.00	\$ 18,873,681

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-002612-2021	1311 S Faraday 18-18-427-001	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – Christ Lutheran School	1	LA
COM-002614-2021	8635 N Industrial Rd 14-06-251-021	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – JK Williams Distilling	5	LA
ZBA-000308-2021	14-06-476-013	ZBA	Administrative Deviation – Parking and vacant lot	5	LA
PZ-000311-2021	13-01-200-003	PZC	Annexation	-	LA

Additional Activity

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

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SIGN-002611-2021	7620 N Route 91	Sign	Wall sign	5	GW
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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
5003 W American Prairie Dr.	CO	GSA	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
3127 North Prospect	The Fry Spot	Approved plans	3

- 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	Glen Wetterow (GW) Urban Planner	494-8649

Docket No.	Inspector	Defendant(s)	Property Location
21-CV-13527	AM	PHILIP HAPPE	1308 WEST MARTIN ST
21-CV-13530	AM	RON LUDWIG	2209 WEST HUMBOLDT ST
21-CV-13533	DF	MICHAEL L SISCOE	1410 NE MADISON AVE
21-CV-13522	JS	CRAIG MOORE	2615 N UNIVERSITY ST
21-CV-13525	JS	PRIMITIQUES ON MAIN	1231 W MAIN ST
21-CV-13539	JS	FLOWER SISTERS SPA	2026 N UNIVERSITY ST
21-CV-13540	JS	FLOWER SISTERS SPA	2026 N UNIVERSITY ST
21-CV-13543	JS	YY MASSAGE	1830 N SHERIDAN RD
21-CV-13544	JS	JEFF COHEN	1830 N SHERIDAN RD
21-CV-13521	JS	KELLY JOSEPH	4240 N BRANDYWINE DR
21-CV-13528	MZ	GARRET DEGOOD	1917 WEST MINERS DR
21-CV-13531	SD	MICHAEL BROOKS	506 EAST MCCLURE AVE
21-CV-13534	SD	READUS DW MELTON	2215 W OVERBROOK DR
21-CV-13545	SD	STERLING BAZAAR PEORIA LLC	3311 NORTH STERLING AVE
21-CV-13546	SD	MARTIN J SCHROEDER	2902 N ROCKWOOD DR