



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: May 13, 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.

City Council At-Large Vacancy Position

A vacancy currently exists on the Peoria City Council following the election of at-large Council Member Dr. Rita Ali to the office of Mayor. The City Council is seeking interested persons to submit a cover letter, resume, and any other material one would wish the Council to consider supporting the request for appointment. The appointment term begins no later than July 3, 2021 will terminate on May 2, 2023.

Deadline for application will be at 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021. Applicants must be residents of the City of Peoria, be over the age of 18, cannot owe any taxes or debts to the City or have been convicted of any infamous crimes, bribery, perjury or other felonies. **Those interested in the appointment to the City Council should submit materials to Michelle King, City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Suite 207, Peoria, IL 61602 or email mking@peoriagov.org**

Materials will also be accepted at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; however, must be received no later than Friday, May 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

All submissions will be posted on the City of Peoria website.

Community Development-City of Peoria Utility Assistance Program CLOSES on Friday, May 14th at 5:00 PM

The city of Peoria Utility Assistance Lottery Program closes to applicants on Friday May 14th at 5:00 PM. Applicants must be City of Peoria residents living at or below 80% of the median area income.

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Applications are available online at www.AppreciatePeoria.com 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 dropped off to them, but the application and all supporting documents must be submitted by Friday at 5:00 PM.

The Utility Assistance Program is 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 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 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.

Community Development-City of Peoria Land Bank Board Seeking Applicants

On May 11, 2021, the Peoria City Council approved the creation of the City of Peoria Land Bank which will operate as a Division of the city of Peoria Community Development Department. A Land Bank Board, comprised of elected leaders, city officials and community stakeholders, will create a strategy to oversee the work and direction of the Land Bank.

The following board positions are open for the public to apply:

- A representative from the Real Estate Community who is a city of Peoria resident and has an active real estate license in the State of Illinois.
- Two representatives from city of Peoria neighborhoods who represent neighborhood interests. Neighborhood representatives must live in the city of Peoria.

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Interested applicants are encouraged to submit this application to the Mayor's Office located at 419 Fulton Street, Room 207, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or by emailing mking@peoriagov.org. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated starting Monday, May 24th. Positions will be open until filled.

The Land Bank Board responsibilities include: ensuring that all operations, including contractual matters, are conducted free from any political interference, ensuring efficiency in service delivery and sound fiscal management of all aspects of the Land Bank, and ensuring all money specifically earmarked for the Land Bank is spent in relation to the duties of the Land Bank.

For more information on the City of Peoria Land Bank or other programs offered by the City of Peoria Community Development Department, please contact Assistant Community Development Director, Joe Dulin at jdulin@peoriagov.org or visit AppreciatePeoria.com.

Economic Development-May 9-15 is International Economic Development Week

Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) to increase awareness of local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and improve communities' quality of life. The Economic Development Department would like to highlight our **Business Recovery Grant Program**.



As an economic development program, the Business Recovery Grant has created jobs, advanced career development opportunities, and improved the quality of life for more than 60 businesses and their employees. The Business Recovery Grant Program embodies the power of economic development efforts and the positive impact it has on our community.

The Business Recovery Grant Program has distributed \$1,026,433 to local businesses since its inception. Established in November 2020 by the City of Peoria, the Business Recovery Grant provides grants to Peoria based businesses on a reimbursement basis to offset higher costs of operations associated with Coronavirus mitigation and response. The City of Peoria made a concentrated effort to promote and communicate the grant opportunity in traditionally underserved communities. The City received 97 grant applications 48% of which were from minority owned firms. The Business Recovery Grant was able to quickly get dollars into the hands of local businesses owners between November 2020 when it was established and April 2021 distributions.

Public Works- City of Peoria Launches: ‘Slow Down, Look Around’ Campaign

Public safety message urges drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians to be on the lookout for one another this spring/summer

School is nearly out for the summer – that means more parents and kids will be out and about on our roads walking, playing, and bicycling. As a reminder, the city of Peoria is urging drivers and pedestrians to be responsible and be on the lookout for one another.

Startling Stats

In Peoria in 2020 alone, 48 pedestrians and 25 bicyclists were involved in crashes involving motor vehicles. That’s an average of more than one accident per week according to the City’s recorded crash reports. Here at the beginning of 2021, there are already reports of 11 pedestrians and seven bicyclists being struck.

The concern for safety is so great, that the push to, ‘**Slow Down, Look Around,**’ is now a [Peoria Public Works public safety campaign](#) geared toward encouraging everyone to share the road and extend some common courtesies to avoid accidents.



- **Reminders for Motorists:**

Taking the extra time to drive safely is your most important responsibility. Speeding, failing to yield, and running red lights or STOP signs are some of the most common errors drivers make. Drivers are reminded to turn on vehicle headlights at dusk and be vigilant in looking out for cyclists and pedestrians at all times of the day.

- **Reminders for Pedestrians:**

Be vigilant in your own safety. You should use signaled crosswalks when possible and practice extreme caution when crossing at intersections without signals. Look both ways before crossing the street and never run between cars into the street. Be visible – walking/jogging outdoors at dusk or at night can be dangerous without bright and reflective clothing.

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- **Reminders for Bicyclists:**

If you can't see them, they can't see you – be visible. Bicyclists should wear bright and reflective clothing. You should use bike lanes and sharrows when possible, or ride with the flow of traffic, on the right, and in a straight line – not in and out of parked cars on the side of the street. Slow down and check for oncoming traffic before entering any street or intersection.

Many of the crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists each month could have been prevented by exercising caution and keeping an eye out for each other. The aim is to make our streets safer for users of all ages and abilities, and that can only be done when more drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians share the road and respect others' presence.

"This message isn't about blame, it's about safety," said Peoria Public Works Director, Rick Powers. "As we move to more complete streets models, we're seeing improved safety conditions on these streets across all modes of transportation. But until we see more complete streets, everyone needs to practice vigilance and share the road as best they can."

Spread the Message:

Download a campaign flyer to share with your neighbors at: peoriagov.org/public-works/slow-down-look-around/.

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

The Peoria Public School Class of 2021 has completed their graduation requirements and we are looking forward to graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 15. If the weather cooperates, the ceremonies will be held outside.

- Peoria High School Commencement, 11 a.m., Herke football field at Peoria High School
- Manual High School Commencement, 2 p.m., Russell football field at Manual High School
- Richwoods High School Commencement, 4 p.m., Endres football field at Richwoods High School

While the number of guests is limited to maintain safe distancing, each ceremony will be available for family members and friends to watch on YouTube.

I am especially excited to see the first group of Peoria Public School/Illinois Central College Diploma Degree D² students graduate on Saturday. These students have worked tremendously hard to complete their high school credits and their Associates degree simultaneously and can now transfer to any four-year Illinois university.

Our graduates and their families have faced obstacles we never could have imagined when they began as freshmen. They deserve the congratulations and best wishes of our entire community.

With Gratitude,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat".

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

ECC Monthly Report

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 5/12/2021

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	17
Development Center Permits Issued	41	473
Total Value of Development (YTD)	\$ 234,260.00	\$ 19,107,941

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 inquiries.

Job/Project #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
RES-002643-2021	1621 W Candletree Dr 14-08-101-014	Residential Alteration	Solar Panels – Iowa Wind and Solar	5	LA
COM-002647-2021	1701 W Garden St 18-17-153-035	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – Heartland Health Services	1	LA
COM-002681-2021	101 SW Adams St 18-09-268-007	Commercial Alteration	Int Alt – Central Building	1	JN

Additional Activity

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

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SIGN-002646-2021	7620 N University St	Sign	Wall sign	5	GW
SIGN-002670-2021	1500 W Northmoor Rd	Sign	Freestanding sign	4	GW

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
2601 W Lake	Final CO	Burlington	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
8915 N Allen Rd	Walmart	Received plans for remodel of deli/bakery area and retail floor	5

- 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

City of Peoria ECC 9-1-1 Monthly Report April 2021



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	2020 Totals
Landbased 9-1-1 Calls	1,824	1,140	1,099	1,461										16,181
Wireless 9-1-1 Calls	5,892	5,945	6,792	7,504										90,060
Text To 9-1-1 Calls	16	21	12	14										193
TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS	7,732	7,106	7,903	8,979	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,720	106,434
Peoria Police Incoming Calls	11,742	7,370	8,479	8,750										115,275
Peoria Heights Police Incoming	543	514	524	512										7,307
Peoria Heights Lobby Calls	38	44	62	41										553
Chillicothe Police Incoming Calls	507	533	647	595										7,142
Chillicothe Lobby Calls	85	80	107	142										1,527
Sheriff's Police Incoming Calls	2,189	1,912	2,170	2,086										23,405
TOTAL POLICE INCOMING CALLS	15,104	10,453	11,989	12,126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,672	155,209
Volunteer Fire/EMS toll free calls	10	9	21	23										187
Peoria Heights Fire Incoming Calls	30	35	51	30										332
Peoria Fire Incoming Calls	299	340	402	378										5,325
TOTAL FIRE INCOMING CALLS	339	384	474	431	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,628	5,844
Operator Assist Calls/Alarm Calls	608	777	689	797										9,931
Ambulance Incoming Calls	170	170	210	134										1,931
ECC Supervisor Incoming Calls	512	428	417	410										6,028
Richwoods Dispatcher Incoming Calls	69	66	64	56										958
Downtown Dispatcher Incoming Calls	80	60	89	66										693
Prep 2 Dispatcher Incoming Calls	1,031	929	1,022	1,052										15,040
C-MED Dispatcher Incoming Calls	78	306	186	134										847
County Sheriff Dispatcher Incoming Calls	207	180	189	203										2,359
Fire Dispatcher Incoming Calls	242	188	122	194										2,756
OverFlow Dispatcher Incoming Calls	5	4	3	3										118
Call Taker Incoming Calls	6	4	2	2										25
TOTAL INCOMING EXTENSION CALLS	2,230	2,165	2,094	2,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,609	28,824
TOTAL OUTGOING EXTENSION CALLS	4,269	4,755	4,712	4,639									18,375	59,132
Peoria Police Dispatches/On view	7,876	7,089	8,747	9,007										88,395
Peoria Heights Dispatched/On View	506	480	601	533										6,770
Chillicothe Police Dispatches/On view	621	582	733	784										6,109
Peoria County Sheriff Dispatches/On view	2,924	2,760	3,233	3,244										20,090
TOTAL POLICE DISPATCHES/ON VIEW	11,927	10,911	13,314	13,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,720	121,364

Air National Guard Fire Dispatches	3	1	4	3									11	51
Akron-Princeville Fire Dispatches	25	20	21	19									85	230
Brimfield Fire Dispatches	38	41	33	44									156	409
Chillicothe Fire Dispatches	38	41	45	43									167	941
Dunlap Fire Dispatches	33	32	36	40									141	434
Elmwood Fire Dispatches	6	17	14	11									48	108
Limestone Fire Dispatches	159	149	151	129									588	1,654
Logan-Trivoli Fire Dispatches	30	36	46	48									160	473
Peoria Fire Dispatches	1,600	1,559	1,828	1,631									6,618	20,573
Peoria Heights Fire Dispatches	78	83	73	87									321	964
Timber-Hollis Fire Dispatches	32	32	47	28									139	355
Tuscarora Fire Dispatches	15	12	19	14									60	158
West Peoria Fire Dispatches	42	56	68	50									216	658
MABAS Fire Calls	3	4	7	1									15	42
TOTAL FIRE DISPATCHES	2,102	2,083	2,392	2,148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,725	27,050
AMT Ambulance Dispatches	1,686	1,927	1,970	2,229									7,812	16,768
APA Ambulance Dispatches	17	10	11	16									54	165
BYE Ambulance Dispatches	38	47	49	49									183	463
TOTAL AMBULANCE DISPATCHES	1,741	1,984	2,030	2,294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,049	17,396
Peoria County Coroner Incoming Calls	300	232	216	221									969	3,431
Community Messaging System Call-outs	8	10	12	13									43	144
Telephone Trouble Reports Completed	0	0	0	0									0	0
ETSB Equipment Trouble Reported	0	0	0	0									0	0
Citizen Concerns	0	0	0	0									0	5
CD Requests from State's Attorney's Office	19	23	30	37									109	243
CD Requests from FOI / Subpoena	18	12	12	11									53	26
CD Requests from Inner Departmental	0	5	11	6									22	56
Total Number of CD Requests	37	40	53	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	325
ILEAS Call Outs	0	0	0	1									1	3
JULIE Dig	23	41	50	59									173	354
Peoria Cares Cases	38	23	49	62									172	668
Premise Alerts	64	75	76	132									347	631
Sex Offender Updates	215	177	231	193									816	2,829
PAWS	244	310	344	372									1,270	1,929

Illinois State Police	275	289	242	274									1,080	2,878
Ameren	324	70	164	85									643	1,005