



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: July 15, 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.

Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations to Host Virtual Townhall

Residents interested in learning more about the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations should attend their July Virtual Townhall, scheduled from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm on July 22. This month's featured guests include Chief Demario Boone, Director of School Safety for Peoria Public Schools, and Chris Johnson, Focused Deterrence Project Manager for the Peoria Police Department. A lifelong resident of Peoria, Chief Boone focuses on providing safe environments for young people. He recently led the charge to establish "Lights on, Peoria", a weekend program available at Manual and Peoria High Schools that provides teenagers with a variety of programs and services. Chief Boone leads an award-winning school safety team and has been in his current position since 2016. Chris Johnson will speak about the Peoria Police Resource Center, located at 2300 N. Wisconsin. This East Bluff location serves as a hub for education, job training, computer training, health services, and more.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for residents to provide ideas and feedback to the committee. The meeting will be in ZOOM format, but there will also be a phone number available for those who do not have internet access. For those who only want to watch the meeting, it will be posted on the City of Peoria YouTube channel (cityofpeoriatv).

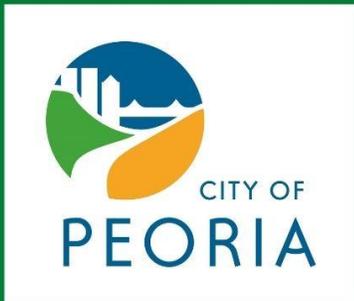
This Committee advises the Chief of Police, the Mayor, and the City Council on matters to improve police-community relations. As a committee that provides independent means of communication and assistance between the citizens of Peoria and the Peoria Police Department, engaging with residents is one of the top priorities for this volunteer-run group.

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Space is limited. To attend the July 22nd townhall, please email Christina Kirby at ckirby@peoriagov.org by noon on July 22. You will be provided with further instruction after receipt of that email. You can also call 309.494.8335.

If you are unable to attend but would like a public comment to be read into the record, please email Ms. Kirby at the above email address by noon on July 22. Public comments will be read into the record at the end of the meeting. Please note that comments will be limited to five minutes. The meeting will conclude at 7:00 p.m. Any comments not read at this meeting will be read at the following meeting in August.

Additional information on the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations can be found on the City's website <http://www.peoriagov.org/boards-commissions/>



Advisory Committee Police-
Community Relations

VIRTUAL
TOWNHALL
MEETING

Featuring Chief Demario
Boone, Peoria Public
Schools and Chris Johnson,
Peoria Police Department

July 22, 2021 6-7pm

Community Development—Phase I Site Assessments Have Begun at Former Harrison and McKinley Schools

In late June 2021, city of Peoria staff and US EPA Assessment Grant consultants began the Phase I Site Assessment for Harrison and McKinley School. This assessment lays the foundation for future plans at both sites.

This important first step is made possible by a \$300,000 grant award from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2019 through the EPA Assessment Grant. This funding will remove barriers to redeveloping industrial and commercial land through contamination assessment and cleanup planning, setting the stage for future development.

The Community Development Department is accepting additional site nominations for environmental studies. More information about the Assessment process and how to nominate a site can be found at peoriagov.org by clicking [HERE](#). Completed site nomination forms can be emailed to grants@peoriagov.org.

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



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

As the beginning of the 2021-2022 draws closer, we are offering Peoria Public Schools students more opportunities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Here are three more vaccine events:

- On Wednesday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Peoria High School vaccines will be available for any PPS student over 12 years old.
- Vaccines will be available to any 61605 resident on Thursday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Harrison Community Learning Center. Adults will receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and students over 12 will receive the Pfizer vaccine. School families also will be able to tour the building and meet school staff between 2 and 4 p.m.
- Saturday, July 31, 9 a.m. to noon, Backpack Peoria at the Dream Center. Students can pick up school supplies and COVID-19 vaccinations will be available. The first 750 students will receive a \$10 uniform voucher.

To keep our PPS community healthy, it is important that every student over age 12 get their COVID-19 vaccination.

With Gratitude,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent