

**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager** 

**DATE: June 23, 2022**

**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 Promotes Brandon Blayney to Director of the Emergency Communications Center**



The city of Peoria has promoted Brandon Blayney to Director of the Emergency Communications Center. In this position, he will manage a staff of 28 employees, including 6 supervisors and 22 telecommunicators and oversee the 9-1-1 dispatch center.

Mr. Blayney has worked for the city since 2004 when he began as a Public Safety Telecommunicator. From there he was promoted to Communications Supervisor and Operations Supervisor. He currently serves on the Peoria County Emergency Telephone Systems Board & is an Adjunct Professor at Illinois Central College.

The ECC connects the community members of Peoria and Peoria County to its Police Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. As part of the Peoria County 9-1-1 system, the ECC dispatches for the Peoria Police Department, Peoria Fire Department, Peoria County Sheriff's Department, Chillicothe Fire and Police, Peoria Heights Fire and Police, Advanced Medical Transport, Peoria County's fire departments, and Peoria County's ambulance services. ECC staff answered 296,311 phone calls and dispatched 165,810 calls for service in 2021.

**Community Development--Community Cleanup at Manual High School on Friday, June 17th**



The Community Development Department hosted a Community Cleanup ‘Pop-Up’ event in the neighborhood surrounding Manual High School, 811 S Griswold St., on Friday, June 17th. Staff filled up over 25 bags of trash and met with community members. For more information on future community cleanup events, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [kdrea@peoriagov.org](mailto:kdrea@peoriagov.org).

**Community Development Staff Engage with Community Members at Peoria’s 2022 Juneteenth Fest**



On Saturday, June 18th from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Community Development staff attended Peoria’s 2022 Juneteenth fest at the Carver Center and John Gwynn Park to speak to community members about who we are, our new grant programs, and to address any questions or concerns.

For more information, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [kdrea@peoriagov.org](mailto:kdrea@peoriagov.org)

### Peoria Police Department -Juneteenth



Peoria Police Officers enjoyed the festivities at Peoria’s annual Juneteenth Fest, sponsored by the Carver Center.

### Peoria Public Works City to Hold a Public Meeting on Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue Improvements on July 6

The City of Peoria will hold an open house informational public meeting regarding proposed improvements to Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue in downtown Peoria from 4-6 pm on Wednesday, July 6 at the Gateway Building, 200 NE Water St.

The proposed improvements include converting Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue to two-way traffic. The limits on Adams Street are from the existing two-way traffic at Walnut Street to Hamilton Boulevard. Jefferson Avenue limits are from Walnut Street to Fayette Street.

Intersection improvements also include corner bump-outs to shorten the pedestrian crossing distance and new cantilever traffic signals to improve visibility. Striped bike lanes will be added in the existing direction of travel. The existing pavement will also be milled and overlaid. This is a federally funded project.

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format. Attendees may arrive anytime between 4-6 pm, as there will be a continuous audiovisual presentation. Attendees are encouraged to discuss the project with team members and review exhibits.

Representatives of the City of Peoria and Hanson Professional Services, the city’s engineering consultant, will be available to discuss the project. City representatives will address topics such



as the need for the project, the design alternatives under consideration, right-of-way acquisition, and the tentative construction schedule. Preliminary reports, including environmental documents and an engineering analysis with drawings, maps, and aerial photography, will be available for viewing during the meeting.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting. The meeting room is accessible to persons with a disability. Persons with a disability who plan on attending this meeting and need special accommodations are encouraged to set up those arrangements by June 30.

### **Peoria Public Library-Programs and News**



# Peoria Public Library

- Think of Peoria Public Library when you need to beat the heat. With five locations across the city – all on bus routes – the library is accessible to all and a perfect cooling center. Hours vary by location, but several are open until 8 p.m. during the week. At least three locations are open every day of the week.  
Come in, relax and read a book or use the library’s free wifi and digital streaming services to watch a movie. Lots of free, fun programs are also planned this summer!  
Hours and events can be found at [www.peoriapubliclibrary.org](http://www.peoriapubliclibrary.org)
- Early voting is available at Peoria Public Main Library, 107 NE Monroe St., one of several locations in Peoria County.  
Friday, June 24 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, June 25 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sunday, June 26 – 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Where is Amelia Earhart?  
Flight accident investigator Ric Gillespie has investigated the pioneering pilot’s July 2, 1937 disappearance for more than 30 years. Gillespie leads The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery and they have a strong theory, backed up by historical documents and expedition reports, as to what happened to Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan.  
Peoria Public Library presents “The True Story of Amelia Earhart’s Disappearance” at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 9 at North Branch, 3001 W. Grand Pkwy.  
Free and open to the public.

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

Peoria Public Schools is providing a variety of programs for students this summer.

Many PPS students in pre-K through grade 12 are attending summer school at their home school sites during June and early July. Primary and middle school students attend summer school six hours daily Monday through Thursday and take field trips on Friday. Field trips include Wildlife Prairie Park, Glen Oak Park, Children’s Discovery Museum in Bloomington and Starved Rock State Park.

Approximately 120 dual-language students attending summer school at Lincoln K-8 will display their work for their parents and family members at a Student Showcase, Wednesday, June 29 from 12:40 to 1:30 p.m. The dual-language students come from Glen Oak Community Learning Center, Harrison Community Learning Center, Whittier Primary School, Hines Primary School and Dr. Maude Sanders Primary School. Their showcase projects strengthen skills in math, science, art, music, reading and writing in both English and their native languages.

Woodruff Career and Technical Center (WCTC) career coordinator Sarah Chapman arranged summer internships for 36 students in the school’s construction, culinary arts, health occupations and autobody programs.

About 20 PPS high school juniors and seniors students are participating in the Mayor’s Youth Program, which provides full-time employment with the City of Peoria Public Works Department. The students work on beautification projects including litter removal, planting and mulching and on projects to improve the City’s green infrastructure to divert stormwater away from storm sewers. Fridays are spent building teamwork and communication skills.

Finally, over 100 14- and 15-year-old PPS students participate in the Mayor’s Summer Youth Internship Program. Students work 10 – 20 hours per week at organizations including Peoria Park District, Carver Center, Peoria Public Schools, Boys and Girls Club, Urban League, YMCA and the Peoria Police Department.

With Gratitude,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Superintendent

**Community Development Weekly Report**

- Please see attached

**Date: 6/22/2022**

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.

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>YTD</b>
One Stop Shop Customers	1	29
Development Center Permits Issued	52	741
Total Value of Development	\$ 693,724	\$ 79,679,096

**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.
- Items listed below with the prefixes HPC, PZC or ZBA in the first column are considered **Plans**. **Plans** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance and include a public hearing before a City Commission; in some cases, **Plans** may also require a final decision by the City Council.
- All other items listed below are **Building Permits**. **Building Permits** are development applications that require multiple departments to review for compliance but do not require a public hearing or City Council review.
- The **Staff Assigned** to each item is the primary contact person for any inquires.

<b>Plan/Permit #</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Council District</b>	<b>Planner Assigned</b>
COM-5108-2022	1523 W Nebraska Ave	Commercial Accessory Structure	Cell Tower Upgrade – Verizon Wireless	1	JN
COM-5139-2022	530 NE Glen Oak Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – OSF SFMC SPD	3	KW
COM-5140-2022	5901 W War Memorial Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – OSF Franciscan Prairie Building	4	JH
COM-5148-2022	800 SW Adams St	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Adams and Oak	1	JN
RES-5131-2022	1800 W Prairie Ct	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE

RES-5168-2022	2813 W Westport Rd	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH
ZBA-961-2022	921 W Detweiller Dr	Major Variance	Landscaping / Building Envelope Standards – Accel Abraham Facility	5	BE
ZBA-962-2022	2412 N Sheridan Rd	Major Variance	Drive-Through Window Placement– Haj Properties	2	KW

**Additional Activity**

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-5115-2022	7815 N University St	Sign	Car Wash Sign Package – Circle K	5	BE
SIGN-5123-2022	1800 N Knoxville Ave	Sign	Sign Package – Popeye’s	3	KW
SIGN-5141-2022	4100 W Willow Knolls Dr	Sign	1 Wall – Ollie’s	4	JH

**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
None			

**4. Land Bank Activity**

- The **City Land Bank** acquires properties to hold for future development, it transfers properties to new owners when possible, and it demolishes unsafe and abandoned structures to reduce blight in the community.

Properties Acquired			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Received Through
None			

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
18-03-308-006	914 NE Monroe St	3	Side Lot Program

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-177-011	2720 W Garden St	1	City - Planned
18-08-356-016	501 S Warren St	1	Private - Planned
18-08-257-012	1104 W John H Gwynn Jr Ave	1	City - Planned

### 5. 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
7528 N Grand Prairie Dr Suite B	Nothing Bundt Cakes	Plans Approved	4
1306 N Berkeley Ave	OSF Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center	Plans Received	3

Community Development Department Contact Information	
Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.	
<p><b>Leah Allison (LA)</b> <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p><b>Josh Naven (JN)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p><b>Kerilyn Weick (KW)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p><b>Julia Hertaus (JH)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p> <p><b>Blake Eggleston (BE)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p>	<p><b>Rich Storm (RS)</b> <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p><b>Matt Ziller (MZ)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p><b>Craig Reid (CR)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p><b>Issac Garcia (IG)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p> <p><b>David Miller (DM)</b> <i>Electrical Inspector</i> 494-8923</p>