



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: September 29, 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.

Community Development - 2022 Utility Assistance Program Application Open



Need Help With Utility Bills ?

Apply for the City of Peoria Utility Assistance Program

- Applicants must be City of Peoria residents living at or below 80% of the median area income.
- Applications accepted from September 19 - October 7 at 2:00 PM
- Recipients will be selected through a lottery



Application available at [appreciatepeoria.com/assistance](https://www.appreciatepeoria.com/assistance)

On Monday, September 19, the City launched the Utility Assistance Program to provide financial relief to low-income renters and homeowners impacted by energy rate increases. A total of \$300,000 has been dedicated to the program to provide up to four consecutive months of payments for gas and electric bills. The City will make payments directly to Ameren Illinois. Residents who are currently enrolled in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

(LIHEAP) are ineligible for this program. This program was funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Who qualifies for this program?

Applicants must be City of Peoria residents living at or below 80% of the median area income.

Annual household income limits are as follows:

- Household of 1 person = \$47,800 or less
- Households of 2 people = \$54,600 or less
- Households of 3 people = \$61,450 or less
- Households of 4 people = \$68,250 or less
- Households of 5 people = \$73,750 or less
- Households of 6 people = \$79,200 or less

When is the application period?

The application period begins at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 19th, and ends at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 7th.

How do you apply?

- Online applications are available at <http://appreciatepeoria.com/assistance/>
- Paper applications are available at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Questions may be directed to 309-494-8600.
- Training is available through an online video. The training session will be posted to www.appreciatepeoria.com/assistance on Monday, September 19th which will walk through the application process.

How will the City award the financial assistance?

An online lottery will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00 AM via GoToMeeting. To receive a link for this meeting, please contact grants@peoriagov.org. Applicants do not need to be present. The selected applicants will be contacted by City staff and a list of the selected applicants will be available at www.appreciatepeoria.com.

Community Development - Rebuilding Together Peoria's Build Day Held on Saturday, September 25th

Rebuilding Together received grant funding from the City of Peoria Community Development Department to fund major repairs and provide additional materials for six homes within the City of Peoria.



On Saturday, September 25th, Rebuilding Together Peoria hosted its annual Rebuilding Day. Rebuilding Together staff and volunteers from numerous organizations and businesses in the Peoria area repaired ten homes in the Greater Peoria Area. City staff visited six of the rebuild sites with Rebuilding Together board members to thank the volunteers and meet with the homeowners.

Rebuilding Together Peoria is a volunteer organization that fixes the homes of low-income elderly, disabled, and military veteran homeowners so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and independence.

For more information, please contact Associate Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Lamia Doueihi at 309-494-8637 or ldoueihi@peoriagov.org.



Community Development - National Good Neighbor Day Funded by 2022 Neighborhood Mini Grant Program

On Wednesday, September 29th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, the Peoria Public Library-McClure Branch and Center Bluff Neighborhood Association partnered to host a celebration at Columbia Park for National Good Neighbor Day.

This event was partially funded by the 2022 Neighborhood Mini Grant Program from the Community Development Department.

For more information, please contact Kaylee Drea, Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator for the City of Peoria Community Development Department at kdrea@peoriagov.org or 309-494-8624.



Peoria Fire Department - Training Tower



Staff at the Peoria Fire Department's Training Tower are immersed in training a new recruitment class. With five (5) new Peoria Fire Department recruits, three (3) Pekin recruits, and one (1) East Peoria recruit, they have just surpassed the halfway mark in their training and completed week five (5) out of ten.

They have completed Modules A and B which consisted of several key skills in building a professional firefighter. They have experienced multiple live fire scenarios as well as practicing their individual skills. Overall, the class is doing exceptionally well in all skills they have learned as well in their physical fitness.



Peoria Fire Department - Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention is well underway. The PFD has been hard at work with fire drills mandated by the State of Illinois. Every year, each school has to perform at least one fire drill with PFD personnel present and has to be completed by October 31st.

Division Chief Nate Rice and Fire Investigator Josh Harris visited B'nai B'rith to express to the residents the importance of fire safety. They explained how to safely evacuate in the case of an emergency and what to do in the event the fire alarm is activated. The residents and staff were very appreciative to the Prevention division for taking the time to inform them and answer any questions regarding handling emergencies in their apartments and buildings.



Peoria Police Department – Citizens Leadership Academy

Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria participated in a Special Presentation and Q&A Session for members of the Citizens Leadership Academy September 9, 2022, at PPD Headquarters. The group learned about the day-to-day activities of a Peoria Police Officer and its Command Staff.



Peoria Police Department – Congratulations to Sgt. Sandoval

The Peoria Police Department would like to congratulate Sgt. Ruth Sandoval. She was recognized Thursday, September 22, 2022, as one of "Las Primeras" in law enforcement in Illinois. One of the first Latina officers in the state of Illinois and the first Latina officer with the Peoria Police Department, Sandoval received that honor during the first annual Latinas in Law Enforcement Scholarship Fundraising Luncheon at Elgin Community College in Elgin, Illinois.



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



Peoria Public Schools is busy celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month across the District! Last Monday, students from Whittier Primary School’s Dual Language Immersion program shared a presentation on Mexican history, people, and customs with the PPS Board of Education and public. The presentation was in both English and Spanish, showcasing the goal of the Dual Immersion program.

It is well researched that speaking more than one language expands cognitive creativity and flexibility. The dual immersion program targets that growth, enrolling 50% native English speakers and 50% Spanish speakers into the same class from as early as Pre-K. The featured 3rd graders immerse themselves in both languages throughout their educational experience to build the skills needed to become confident bilingual scholars. The program’s added benefit is the opportunity to learn from and appreciate different backgrounds and cultures. The Dual Language Immersion program is led by PPS Director of Bilingual and Multicultural Programs Anna Rose and is currently available at Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center and Whittier Primary School.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat'.

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

Date: 9/28/2022

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.

	This Week	YTD
One Stop Shop Customers	1	46
Development Center Permits Issued	50	1,416
Total Value of Development	\$ 2,453,216	\$ 112,476,935

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.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-6169-2022	601 W Main St	Commercial Accessory Structure	Dumpster Enclosure – Uncle Sam’s Chicken & Fish	2	KW
COM-6216-2022	832 W Hurlburt St	Commercial Alteration	Cell Tower Upgrade – AT&T	1	JN
COM-6221-2022	3024 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Royal Vape	2	KW
RES-6164-2022	4526 W Jewelwood Ct	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH
RES-6166-2022	3002 N Avalon Pl	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	2	KW

RES-6172-2022	2615 W Whittington Way	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6176-2022	1005 W Raven Rd	Solar Voltaic	Ground Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6177-2022	3213 W Pilgrims Way	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6189-2022	812 W North Ln	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6196-2022	4035 W Talus Ct	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH
RES-6201-2022	2126 N Ardell Pl	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	1	JN
RES-6203-2022	11116 N Stone Creek Dr	Solar Voltaic	Ground Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6207-2022	11615 N Ballymore Ave	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6224-2022	2820 W School St	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	5	BE
RES-6233-2022	5416 W Teal Wood Ct	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH
RES-6242-2022	5513 N Longwood Dr	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	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
RES-6213-2022	3002 W School St	NSFD	New Single-Family Home	5	BE
RES-6214-2022	2923 W School St	NSFD	New Single-Family Home	5	BE

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
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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
-	-	-	-

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
-	-	-	-

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-431-030	1533 S Easton Ave	1	Private - Emergency
18-18-431-032	1539 S Easton Ave	1	City - Planned
18-03-359-009	311 Evans St	3	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
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Community Development Department Contact Information

Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

Leah Allison (LA)
Asst. Director of Com. Dev.
494-8667

Josh Naven (JN)
Senior Urban Planner
494-8657

Kerilyn Weick (KW)
Senior Urban Planner
494-8606

Julia Hertaus (JH)
Urban Planner
494-8649

Blake Eggleston (BE)
Urban Planner
494-8612

Rich Storm (RS)
Building Safety Manager
494-8632

Matt Ziller (MZ)
Building Inspector
494-8628

Craig Reid (CR)
Building Inspector
494-8925

Issac Garcia (IG)
Building Inspector
494-8921

David Miller (DM)
Electrical Inspector
494-8923