



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: January 19, 2023

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.

PeoriaCorps Host Impactful Day of Service Event

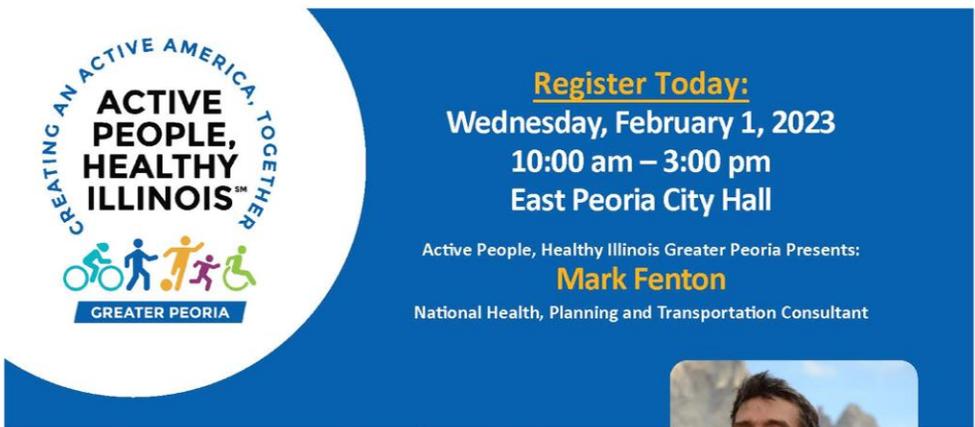


PeoriaCorps held its 2023 Day of Service on Tuesday, January 17. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Junior, PeoriaCorps focused on his theme of "beloved community" and organized a community clean up in the neighborhoods surrounding Western Avenue. Over 45 people showed up to help and over 40 bags of trash, debris, and tire were collected. Thank you to City staff, community members, and the Corps for their hard work.

Pictured here are Clara Gonzalez (AmeriCorps Alum and PeoriaCorps Crew Supervisor), Amelia Ohlrogge (Program Director), Andre Hoyle (AmeriCorps Alum/former PeoriaCorps Member), Erin Williams, Jaylen Green, Benjamin Reyes, & Nyja Robinson (not pictured Melodi Green, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer).

Complete Streets and Community Design Event – Wednesday, February 1

Active People, Healthy Illinois Greater Peoria is hosting an event aiming to bring together community members and stakeholders to engage in discussions about safety and traffic design, equitable access, and principles of planning for healthy communities.



Register Today:
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
East Peoria City Hall

Active People, Healthy Illinois Greater Peoria Presents:
Mark Fenton
National Health, Planning and Transportation Consultant

Complete Streets & Community Design for Economic, Environmental, and Public Health

Join us for a presentation on how to create a well-connected network of facilities for walking, bicycling, and transit use. Learn details of design that are safe, appealing, functional, and equitably accessible for all users and understand the foundational principles of planning for healthy communities. A walk audit demonstration will be included.

Please consider bringing a community team to this meeting - city staff, elected officials, school district admin, business members and other community stakeholders to enhance your discussion and planning for your community.

Registration open January 3.
Closes January 27, 2023

To register, email: [Debbie Ulrich dulrich@tricitypc.org](mailto:Debbie.Ulrich@tricitypc.org)
309.673.9796 X 221 Lunch will be provided, note special needs.



Mark Fenton



Focused on complete streets and community design for economic, environmental, and public health, the event will feature Mark Fenton, National Health, Planning, and Transportation Consultant, as the keynote speaker. Mark frequently speaks on a wide range of topics such as how to build more liveable, sustainable towns, and innovative personal health and fitness programs for employees or community members. This program will also include a walk audit demonstration.

Friends of Friedrichshafen Youth Exchange Seeking Host Families

The Friends of Friedrichshafen Youth Exchange begins on July 26, 2023, ending when the guests depart on August 15, 2023. A full program of events will expose our German guests to American culture and the Peoria area.

The Friends of Friedrichshafen is accepting applications for families that will host teenagers visiting from Peoria's sister city, Friedrichshafen, Germany. The ability to speak or understand the German language is not required as German teens are proficient in English.



“Our exchange is perfect for parents wanting to give their children an extraordinary international experience in a safe, supervised environment,” said Friends of Friedrichshafen Youth Exchange Coordinator, Tim Roberts. “Even though the exchange lasts only a few weeks, the kids make lifelong friends. They might even stay with their guest’s family in 2024, when we will take Peoria Area Youth to Friedrichshafen, Germany.”

The Peoria-Friedrichshafen sister-city relationship was founded in 1976 and is the oldest of Peoria's sister-city ties. The Friends of Friedrichshafen is a local non-profit organization with the goal of promoting and expanding its relationship with Friedrichshafen. Its youth exchange is the longest continuously running youth exchange in the U.S., barring Covid's effect on all travel.

For applications and more information, visit www.peoriasistercity.org, or email fofpeoria@gmail.com.

Community Development-Applications for the 2023 Roof Program Lottery Opened on January 17

Applications for the 2023 Roof Program, which helps low-income homeowners with roof repairs, are now being accepted and will conclude on Friday, February 10 at 5:00 PM.

To qualify for the Roof Program, applicants must:

- Own their home and have current homeowners' insurance
- Be current on property taxes
- Cannot owe the City any money
- Must be at or below the income limit for the household size

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Income	\$47,800	\$54,600	\$61,450	\$68,450	\$73,750	\$79,200

2023 ROOF PROGRAM LOTTERY

APPLY JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 10



- ✓ Must be a homeowner
- ✓ Must be at or below income limit for household size
- ✓ Cannot have any outstanding code violations
- ✓ Cannot owe City money
- ✓ Must have current homeowners' insurance

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Maximum Income	\$47,800	\$54,600	\$61,450	\$68,750	\$73,750

Virtual lottery on February 14th at 10:00 AM

How to Apply

There are three ways to enter the Roof Program Lottery.

- Online at the [Roof Program page](#)
- Call: (309) 494-8629
- In-Person: City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

There is a limit of one entry per household. Applying to the Roof Program Lottery does not guarantee assistance.

Lottery Information

The lottery will be held on GoToMeeting on **Tuesday, February 14th at 10:00 AM.**

You can attend the lottery through your computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting [this link](#). You can call into the meeting with your phone by calling 1-866-899-4679 and typing in the access code: 235-016-637 to enter the meeting.

You do not need to attend the lottery to be selected. All applicants will be contacted by City staff in the days following the drawing. The list of selected applicants, including the waitlist, will be posted [on the City's website](#).

Community Development - Down Payment Assistance Program is still Accepting Applications

The Down Payment Assistance Program is still accepting applications. This program provides homebuyers within Qualifying Census Tracts (QCTs) down payment assistance of either \$5,000 or up to 10% of the purchase price of a single-family home. The purchase price must be at or below \$125,000 with a primary mortgage.

To view whether a property is in a QCT, please visit the [Searchable Qualified Census Tract Map](#). Type the address in the top left corner and include “Peoria, Illinois” and the zip code. Click “Color QCT Qualified Tracts” and if the address is within the purple boundary, it is within a QCT.

Applications will be reviewed and funded on a first come, first served basis until the funds are exhausted. Applications may be found [on the City’s website](#).

For all questions, please contact the City of Peoria Land Bank at 309-494-8600 or [by email](#).

Community Development - Housing Rehabilitation Program is still Accepting Applications

The Housing Rehabilitation Program is still accepting applications. This program provides a 50/50 matching grant with up to \$15,000 of assistance to homeowners of single-family homes. The home must be owner-occupied and within a Qualified Census Tract (QCT). The assistance is for exterior building and site improvements.

To qualify for assistance, the homeowner must be located within a QCT and the total household income must be at or below 120% of the area median income by household size. Applicants must have homeowner’s insurance, be current on their property taxes, cannot owe any fees or fines to the City of Peoria, and cannot have any environmental code violations.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Income	\$64,200	\$73,320	\$82,440	\$91,560	\$99,000	\$106,320

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For all questions, please contact Project Coordinator Lane Andrews at 309-494-8636 or [by email](#).

Peoria Public Works - Forestry Division Increases City's Green Footprint in 2022



Planting trees in urban areas provide numerous benefits for the environment, society, and communities. Trees improve the air quality in cities by reducing the amount of carbon in the air. They provide shade and help cool the surrounding air temperatures. Trees also improve water quality and reduce the amount of runoff and flooding. Trees planted throughout neighborhoods have been proven to relieve stress and build a sense of community as they make streets more walkable.

Every year, the City's Forestry Division through the Department of Public Works plants between 50-100 trees. Last year, crews planted 90 trees throughout the City from

late spring to early December. Species of trees ranged from American Dram Oaks to Shawnee Brave Bald Cypresses to Crimson Sunset Maples. Trees are planted in City-owned lots, rights-of-way, and boulevard areas, and throughout Downtown.

The City of Peoria recognizes the significance of urban forestry and is proud to have been honored as a Tree City USA 29 times by the Arbor Day Foundation. Peoria most recently earned the distinction of Tree City USA in April 2022. The Tree City USA program began in 1976 to preserve and expand a City's tree cover. In 2004, the National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the City a Tree City USA Community Growth Award. Additionally, the City partners with the Peoria Park District and the South-West Kiwanis Club to plant a tree every Arbor Day.

Peoria Public Schools Update



Peoria Public Schools Students Visit Puerto Rico

Twenty Peoria Public Schools students from Manual, Peoria High, and Richwoods just returned from a 4-day visit to Puerto Rico. Funded by the Arts and Foreign Language Education Grant Program, Mrs. Anna Rose, PPS’s director of Bilingual and Multicultural Programs, applied for the grant to ensure that any high schooler who wanted to travel abroad and learn Puerto Rican culture could do so. For many students, the field trip was a once in a lifetime experience. They got a chance to experience many “firsts” in Puerto Rico.

“Every day was a new experience, even for me,” shared Peoria High School principal Dr. Coleman, who chaperoned the trip. “You should have seen the looks on the students’ faces.”

The looks in question were in reaction to opportunities like kayaking, snorkeling, touring one of the two rainforests in the western hemisphere, and learning the history of San Juan firsthand. Some students were even brave enough to learn how to swim in Puerto Rico.

The students “got to use Spanish daily and were always learning on the trip,” Dr. Coleman adds. “They really enjoyed themselves and the Explorica (the tour facilitators) were great. Thank you to everyone that made this trip possible.”

With Gratitude,

Peoria Public Schools Superintendent, Ed.D

Issues Update
January 19, 2023

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

Planning and Zoning Agenda

- Please see attached

Date: 01/18/2023

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	4
Development Center Permits Issued	67	140
Total Value of Development	\$ 5,989,381	\$ 8,229,293

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-7428-2023	2006 S Griswold St	Commercial Alteration	Cell Tower Upgrade – AT&T	1	JN
COM-7465-2023	S Western Ave	Commercial Alteration	Cell Tower Upgrade – AT&T	1	JN
RES-7411-2023	2822 W Marquette St	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	1	JN
RES-7414-2023	6329 N Devonshire Dr	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	4	JH
RES-7422-2023	2211 W Newport Ct	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	2	KW
RES-7438-2023	1308 NE Rock Island Ave	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	3	KW

RES-7467-2023	5603 N Renwood Ave	Solar Voltaic	Roof Mounted Solar	2	KW
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Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
RES-7429-2023	11008 N Woodale Rd	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	BE
RES-7430-2023	11004 N Woodale Dr	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	BE
SIGN-7400-2023	4232 N Brandywine Dr	Permanent Sign	Wall Signs – Feast Buffet	2	KW
SIGN-7409-2023	9128 N Lindbergh Dr	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – Springfield Medical Clinic	5	BE
SIGN-7458-2023	1311 SW Adams St	Permanent Sign	4 Wall Signs – Soulside Healing Arts	1	JN
SIGN-7463-2023	7707 N Knoxville Ave	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – Howard & Howard	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
-	-	-	-

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
7708 North University Avenue	Hong Kong Buffet	Plans Approved	5
714 Hamilton Blvd	Dream Center Mobile Truck	Plans Received	2
2123 N Knoxville Ave	JJ Fish & Chicken	Plans Received	2
7309 Knoxville Ave	Springfield Recovery Care Center	Plans Received	5
619 SW Water St	8 Bit Arcade Bar	Plans Received	1

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



**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
CITY HALL, ROOM 400 – 1:00 P.M**

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5, 2023 MINUTES

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

Deliberations will be held at the end of each case after public comment has been closed. No public comment is allowed during deliberations.

CASE NO. PZ 1208-2023 Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Chad Herman of Fenceline Properties, LLC to approve an Annexation Petition and Annexation Agreement, including a Subdivision Plat, for the property located east of N Knoxville Avenue, west of Old Galena Road, north of E Boy Scout Road, and south of Cedar Hills Drive. The subject property is identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 09-16-400-001 and 09-16-300-004, Peoria IL

CASE NO. PZ 1210-2023 Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Andrew Driscoll of ADJD Management, LLC, to obtain a special use for Light Manufacturing/Assembly of Equipment in the Class B-1 (Central Business) District for the property located at 316 SW Washington Street, Unit 1B (Parcel Identification No. 18-09-269-005), Peoria IL (Council District 2)

CASE NO. PZ 1180-2022 *Deferred from the January Meeting* Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Jason Hawksworth of Hawk-Attollo LLC, on behalf of Petersen Health System Inc, to obtain a Special Use in a Class R- 3 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Solar Utility Facility for the property located at 3901 W Reservoir Blvd (Parcel Identification No. 13-25-177-002), Peoria IL (Council District 4)

5. CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

6. ADJOURNMENT