



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: March 23, 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.



Please note City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 7. Offices will reopen on Monday, April 10.

PeoriaCorps Graduation

PeoriaCorps held a graduation ceremony for their 7th cohort of participants on Monday, March 20. Throughout the program, the graduates gained experience in fieldwork, career exploration, OSHA and green infrastructure certification and led service projects throughout our community. Congratulations to Jaylen Green, Benjamin Noe Reyes, Nyja Robinson, and Erin Williams.

Below: Melodi Green (City of Peoria Chief Diversity and Equity Officer) , Clara Gonzalez (PeoriaCorps Crew Supervisor), and Amelia Ohlrogge (PeoriaCorps Program Director) with Benjamin Noe Reyes (left) and Jaylen Green (right)



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PeoriaCorps is currently hiring for their next cohort. To apply, go to the [City's website](#).

WE ARE NOW HIRING

PeoriaCorps Is Hiring Its Newest Cohort

- Position includes:
- Fieldwork, including green infrastructure maintenance
- Service Projects
- Certification
- Educational Award
- Leadership Development and Career Exploration Programs

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Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations to Host Open House on March 23

The public is invited to an open house with the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations on Thursday, March 23 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. at ART Inc., 919 NE Jefferson Street. 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. This is the first of quarterly meetings the group plans to host for the public.

The open house will include a brief introduction of committee members, followed by the opportunity for public comment and questions and answers if time allows. Committee Chair Shalandra Burch encourages the public to attend, stating, “We want to provide community members with the opportunity to learn more about our group and how we can be a bridge between residents and the Peoria Police Department.”

The [Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations](#) meets monthly and is comprised of community members, representatives from the NAACP and Peoria Public Schools, and City staff. They currently have three openings.

If you are unable to attend but would like a public comment to be read into the record, please email Ms. Christina Kirby at ckirby@peoriagov.org by noon on March 23. 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 Committee meeting.

Questions may be directed [by email](#) to Shalandra Burch, Chair Peoria Police Community Relations Advisory Committee.

Community Development - Applications for the 2023 Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program Opened on March 6

The city of Peoria will accept applications for the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program from Monday, March 6th at 8:00 AM through Friday, April 7th at 5:00 PM.

The Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program provides neighborhood and homeowner associations funding for projects that improve neighborhoods and build community. The maximum funding amount per project is \$5,000. Applicants must show proof of community support for their project. Projects must be completed by Friday, December 16th, 2023.

Eligible projects include:

- Security cameras
- Block parties
- Tree-plantings (non-fruit bearing) and landscaping
- Public space improvements such as benches, picnic tables, shelters, or pergolas
- Outreach
- Placemaking
- Public art

How To Apply

There are two ways to apply to the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program.

- [Online](#) at the Neighborhood Mini-Grant page
- Paper applications are available at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

The application period begins at 8:00 AM on Monday, March 6th, and ends at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 7th. Applications will be reviewed by City staff. Although all organizations are encouraged to apply, preference will be given to first-time applicants.

For more information, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea [by email](#) or by calling 309-494-8624.



**NEIGHBORHOOD
MINI-GRANT
PROGRAM**

APPLY MARCH 6 - APRIL 7

**Neighborhood associations,
homeowner associations, and other
community groups welcome to apply**

MAXIMUM \$5,000 PER PROJECT

2023 Great American Cleanup Scheduled for Saturday, April 22

The 2023 Great American Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This is an annual event where neighborhoods across the city of Peoria participate in a national effort to make our communities cleaner, more connected, and more beautiful.

Neighborhood associations and homeowner associations can request a dumpster, cleanup supplies, and volunteers to help with their community cleanup online at [the Great American Cleanup page](#). There are twenty (20) dumpsters available on a first-come, first serve basis.

For more information on the Great American Cleanup, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).

Peoria Public Schools Update

Kindergarten Roundup

Sat, April 29th, 2023,
10am-1pm
Glen Oak Zoo

APRIL 27
EF ALLEN ACADEMY
4-5PM

MAY 1
KELLAR PRIMARY
10-11AM &
4:30-6PM

MAY 2
NORTHMOOR
5:30-6:30PM
TREWYN
9-12PM

MAY 8
LINCOLN K8
2:45-4PM

MAY 9
HINES
4:30-6:30PM

MAY 10
GLEN OAK
3:30-5PM

MAY 11
MAUDE SANDERS
4:30-6PM
FRANKLIN
4:30-5:30PM

MAY 17
WHITTIER
4:30-6PM
CT VIVIAN
4:30-5:30PM

MAY 18
CHARTER OAK
6-7PM

MAY 22
AJ GORDON CLC
4-5:30PM

Acceptable Proof of Address Documents

- DEED/TITLE
- MORTGAGE OR RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT
- INSURANCE POLICY
- LETTER ON OFFICIAL SCHOOL LETTERHEAD (DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION)
- UTILITY BILL (DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION)
- BANK STATEMENT (DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION)
- CANCELED CHECK (DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION)
- PAY STUB OR ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT RECEIPT
- OFFICIAL MAIL FROM A STATE, COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, OR FEDERAL AGENCY (DATED WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO APPLICATION)

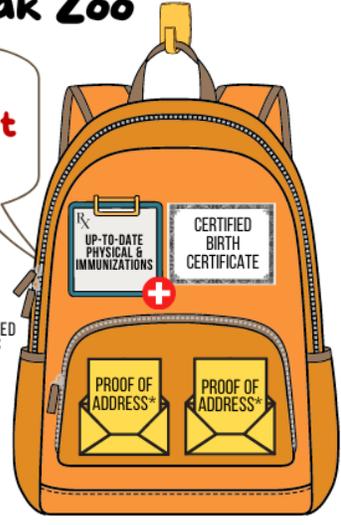
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IS YOUR STUDENT NEW TO PPS?

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