



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: May 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. Please let me know if there are additional items you believe should be included.



City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 30.

Peoria Memorial Association to Hold its Annual Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 29

The Peoria Memorial Association will host its annual City of Peoria Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 29 at the Gateway Building, 200 NE Water Street. The event will begin at 10:30 am with music from the Peoria Municipal Band, led by Director David Vroman and accompanied by Lee Wenger. The Remembrance Ceremony will commence at 11:00 am. Peoria Memorial Association member and Second District Council Member Chuck Grayeb noted, "Our community is so very fortunate to attend an event where we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We look forward to seeing our neighbors at this very important event for our community". Speakers include the Honorable James E. Shadid, Brigadier



General USAF William “Robbie” Robertson (Ret.), and members of the Peoria City Council. Chairs will be provided, but attendees can also bring their own.

Participating organizations include Peoria American Legion Post 2, Peoria Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 814, Peoria Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Marine Corps League of Peoria, The Peoria Navy Club Ship 34, American Legion Post 979 in Bartonville, and the South-West Kiwanis Club.

City to Hold Program for Freedom & Remembrance Memorial Park on June 14

Park is located near the previous site of Moffatt Cemetery in South Peoria



The City of Peoria will host a program on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 AM to acknowledge the naming of a parcel located at 3917 S.W. Adams Street as Freedom & Remembrance Memorial Park. The program will be held across the street at the corner of West Montana and South Griswold Streets. Street parking will be available.

In 1836, this parcel was part of a larger tract of land granted to Aquilla Moffatt and subsequently became known as Moffatt Cemetery. Between the 1850s and 1905, more than 2,700 persons were buried there as well as remains of unknown persons placed in a mass grave after being removed from another Peoria cemetery. In 1)1905, the Peoria City Board of Health ordered the closure of the cemetery which was then abandoned. Records show that by the 1950s the property was untended and overgrown, many gravestones had been removed or damaged, and the cemetery records were said to be lost.

The area was then prepared for commercial development and street expansion. Around 100 individuals are known to have been removed to other cemeteries from 1887-1936, including nine members of the Moffatt family. However, more than 2,600 Peoria residents remain buried at the site. Included are 52 veterans, 49 of whom are Union Civil War veterans, and Nance Legins-Costly, the first enslaved person that Abraham Lincoln helped free when he won her case before the Illinois Supreme Court in 1841. Several buried there have links to the American Revolution.

A group of local volunteers has led the effort to create Peoria Freedom & Remembrance Memorial, which includes three large Illinois State Historical Society markers, a lighted flagpole, and an information storyboard. The mission of these volunteers was to establish a “fitting tribute to these forgotten citizens of Peoria.” Their efforts have received national recognition from the

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Illinois State Historical Society, the Abraham Lincoln Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation of New York.

The memorial site was donated by the United Union of Roofers Local #69 for a nominal amount and approved for purchase by the City Council at the February 22, 2023, meeting.

Peoria 2023 is here!

City of Peoria Schedules Strategic Planning Kickoff Events on June 1-2

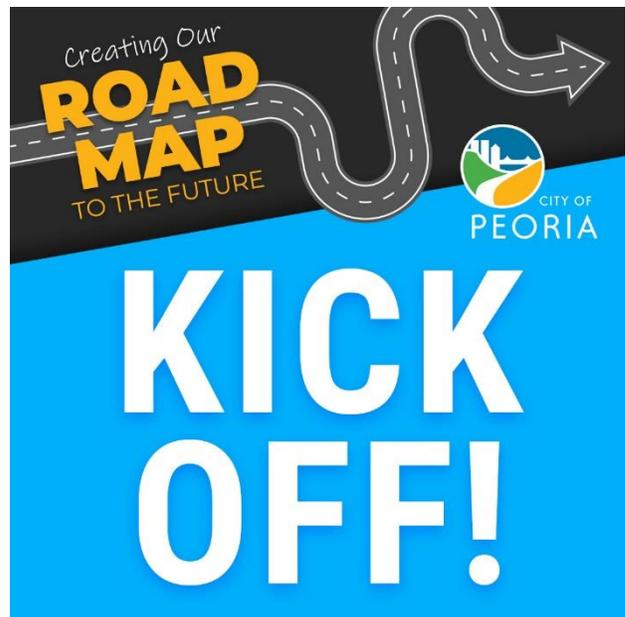
In preparation to develop Peoria's five-year strategic plan, the city of Peoria is inviting the community to Strategic Planning Kickoff Events scheduled for Thursday, June 1, and Friday, June 2 in the Peoria Civic Center Ballroom, located at 201 SW Jefferson Avenue. Parking will be free in the Marquee and Madison Street lots until 4 pm on both days.

There will be two sessions per day with a morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and an afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is asked to select one session on Thursday and one session on Friday. Please RSVP on the [City's website](#) by Friday, May 26, 2023, by the close of business to confirm attendance.

Mayor Ali encouraged the public to attend the kick-off stating, "The success of our strategic planning lies in robust public input. Community members are encouraged to attend, to voice their thoughts, and contribute to the future of our city."

The goal of the Strategic Planning Kickoff is to begin a process to establish the priorities of the city over the next two to five years with a two-day event that includes informational presentations and community dialogue about our future. This event is open to all Peoria residents, community/business leaders, commissioners, elected officials, employees, and other stakeholders.

The kickoff will focus on the critical issues facing our community and allow attendees to identify collaborative responses. These events will address topics including city-wide economic development, downtown vibrancy, neighborhood development, infrastructure, and the future fiscal health of the city. The sessions will also explore the public safety ecosystems, integration



of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the focus areas, along with preserving, supporting, and expanding arts and culture opportunities within the city.

To track updates on the Strategic Planning Process and future community outreach, or to RSVP, visit [the City's Strategic Plan page](#).

Community Development - City Reminds Property Owners to Maintain Their Yards This Spring and Summer

The City of Peoria Community Development Department is encouraging property owners to maintain their yards this spring and summer. Code enforcement inspectors are writing warning notices and tickets to landlords, homeowners, and commercial property owners for grass and weeds taller than ten inches. Tall grass and weeds lower property values and encourage insect and rodent infestations.

Warning Notices and Tickets

Warning notices are posted to occupied homes and businesses. These notices give property owners six days to mow the grass and remove any tall weeds. Vacant lots, vacant homes, and vacant commercial properties are not given warning notices.

Code enforcement inspectors write tickets to property owners at their discretion. When writing tickets for tall grass and weeds, code enforcement inspectors consider the severity of the violation and how frequently they visit the property.

Work Orders

Grass that is not mowed within six days of receiving a warning notice will be mowed by a city contractor. The City bills the property owner for the cost of paying a contractor to mow their property plus a \$125 administrative fee.

Avoid Tickets and Work Order Fees

- Make a plan to mow at least once a week throughout the spring and summer months.
- Sign up [online](#) to receive texts and email notifications when code enforcement visits your property.

Report Tall Grass and Weeds to Peoria Cares

Peoria Cares is an easy-to-use system that allows you to submit concerns for suspected violations. There are three ways to submit your concerns:

1. By Phone | Call 309-494-2273 from Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Saturday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
2. Through the Peoria Cares App | Available for Apple and Android

3. [Online](#) | You can create an account or sign in as a guest

Community Development - Community Cleanup at Morton Square Park on Thursday, May 18th



The Community Development Department hosted a Community Cleanup ‘Pop-Up’ event in the neighborhood surrounding Morton Square Park at 901 NE Monroe St on Thursday, May 18th. Community Development staff picked up over 20 bags of trash.

For more information on future community cleanup events, please contact Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).

Peoria Police Department - Cop on a Rooftop



Assistant Police Chief Brad Dixon and some PPD cadets had fun waving from the rooftop.

Peoria Police Officers went to new heights on May 19, 2023, for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. Spectators stopped by and donated to this great cause.



Peoria Police Department – “See It, Be It”

Several Peoria Police Officers participated in the “See It Be It” Exploration Program at 13 local schools last week. The event gave 1st grade students an up close and personal look into the day-to-day activities of a Peoria Police Officer and K-9 officer Fuze.



Peoria Public Works -No recycling, yard waste, or trash pick-up on Memorial Day

GFL will not collect recycling, yard waste, or trash on Monday, May 29

GFL will not collect recycling, yard waste, or trash on Monday, May 29, due to the holiday.

This affects all pick-up routes during this week. Pick-up will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week. For the rest of the week, please follow this schedule:



- If your collection day is Monday, pick up delayed to Tuesday.
- If your collection day is Tuesday, pick up delayed to Wednesday.
- If your collection day is Wednesday, pick up delayed to Thursday.
- If your collection day is Thursday, pick up delayed to Friday.
- If your collection day is Friday, pick up delayed to Saturday.

waste pick-up schedules will resume next week.

Normal trash, recycling, and yard

To avoid missing a collection, recycling, trash, and yard waste containers must be set out by 6 am on your scheduled day. After pickup, move your containers from the curb or alley within 24 hours. Place them in your garage or alongside your house or garage. Please do not leave containers on the street or sidewalk.

Peoria Public Library

READ what you want, when you want, for however long you want, with whomever you want! We just invite you to seek out something to read this summer that is beyond what you traditionally read! Maybe you'll find a new author or genre to love!

Open to ALL ages! Birth to 100+

Sign up now — either [online](#) via the free Beanstack app or in person at any PPL location.

And anything you read counts. Reading to your children counts. Even reading to your goldfish counts!

If you'd like to be part of our community of readers – the cool kids – then we hope you officially sign up for Summer Reading with us. It's SO easy!

- Sign up at your favorite Peoria Public Library location, the one you visit most often, OR sign up online at <https://peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.org/> or the Beanstack app.
- Track your reading on paper logs we give you OR online via Beanstack.
- Read 25 days this summer to earn an invite to our exclusive after-hours party at Peoria Zoo!



The poster features a stylized graphic of a person holding up two books, with the words "FIND your VOICE" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. To the right, the text "SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY" is displayed in a clean, sans-serif font. Below the graphic, the event details are listed in a clear, organized manner.

Find Your Voice
SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, June 3 | 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Find Your Voice at our 2nd annual Summer Reading Kick-Off Party for all ages!

11-11:30 AM – Special Storytime!	11 AM- 3 PM
12-12:30 PM – Family Sing-along!	Summer Reading sign-up and raffle station
1-2 PM – Eagle Ridge and Friends: Native American singing, dancing, drumming, and storytelling!	Face painting
	Art stations
	Lawn games on the StoryWalk
	Food trucks

Summer Reading Parties

Family Party at the Peoria Zoo

July 18 — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Don't forget your party pass! Not only is it your ticket in, but it qualifies you for our Grand Prize drawings.

If someone in your family didn't participate in Summer Reading, but would like to join in the fun, they can pay \$5 (a very discounted rate) to attend.

Adult Party at North Branch

July 21 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Don't forget your party pass! Not only is it your ticket in, but it qualifies you for our prize drawings. (Must be present to win.)

Peoria Public Schools Update



With gratitude,

Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D
Superintendent

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

Planning and Zoning Agenda

- Please see attached



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

MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF: APRIL 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING 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. Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Robert C Hall of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC on behalf of William and Sharon Nunn, to approve an Annexation Petition and Annexation Agreement, including a Subdivision Plat, for the property located at 1602 E Boy Scout Road, sometimes also known and referred to as 918 E Boy Scout Rd, Chillicothe, IL. The subject property is identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 09-22-200-015
PZ 1335-2023

CASE NO. Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Tom Wilcoxon, of Latitude Signage + Design, on behalf of First Nazarene Church of Peoria, to amend the existing Special Exception Ordinance No. 8,901, as amended, with a Special Use for Church Facilities in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District to allow Three Freestanding Signs and One Wall Sign for the property located at 5504 N University Street (Parcel Identification No. 14-17-451-004), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)
PZ 1361-2023

CASE NO. Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of John Elias on behalf of Russell Waldschmidt of Allen Road Business Park, L.P. to approve the First Amendment to Annexation Agreement for the property located at 2700 W Altorfer Drive (Parcel Identification No. 14-06-300-016), Peoria IL (Council District 5)
PZ 1366-2023

CASE NO. Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Charles Morris to rezone property from Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for the property located at 1716 W Lincoln Avenue (Parcel Identification No. 18-17-103-001), Peoria IL (Council District 1)
PZ 1304-2023
Deferred from the May Meeting

CASE NO. Hold a Public Hearing and forward a recommendation to City Council on the request of Julie Jackson of Just BU Properties, for KLBGC, LLC, to obtain a Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Short Term Rental, for the property located at 1507 W Main Street (Parcel Identification No. 18-05-326-054), Peoria, IL (Council District 1)
PZ 1322-2023
Deferred from the May Meeting

5. CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

6. ADJOURNMENT