



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: February 22, 2024

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 of Peoria to Host Equity in Procurement Expo on March 28

The city of Peoria, in partnership with the Peoria NAACP, the Minority Business Development Center, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Peoria Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center at Bradley University, Better Built, West Central Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Greater Peoria Contractors and Suppliers Association will host the Equity in Procurement Expo on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Peoria Civic Center, Room 200, 201 SW Jefferson.

The event will allow attendees to learn about the City's procurement process, register with the City's [Minority and Women-Owned Business Registry](#), and meet with additional government agencies. Light refreshments will be served, and free parking will be available in the Civic Center parking lot at Monroe and Fulton Streets.

The event will begin with brief presentations from the State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion and their Business Enterprise Program and presentations from the Minority Business Development Center and Bradley University's Small Business Development Center. Representatives from Peoria County, Peoria Public Schools, Peoria Park District, Greater Peoria Sanitary District, CityLink, West Peoria, Illinois Central College, and the construction trades will also be on-site.

Mayor Ali stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity for minority business owners to learn more about the government procurement process and opportunities to do business with the city and other government entities. This event aims to foster diversity, increase economic empowerment, and grow local businesses within our community."

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Registration for the event is encouraged. Please visit the [city of Peoria's Economic Opportunity Office page](#) to register for the event.

Community Development - City of Peoria Launches Non-Profit Capital Program

The city of Peoria will be accepting applications for the Non-Profit Capital Program from Monday, February 12th at 9:00 AM through Friday, March 8th at 2:00 PM. This program supports local non-profits that serve low-income community members in Peoria.

The Non-Profit Capital Program is made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act. Application requests must be between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Program funds must be used for capital expenses for the organization. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Structural improvements, such as a roof replacement
- Installation of a major mechanical system
- Purchase of vans to transport clients
- Other major structural needs

Program funds cannot be used for ongoing operating costs or maintenance costs. Examples of ineligible projects include:

- Purchasing land or buildings
- Purchasing construction equipment
- Staff expenses
- Office furnishings or supplies

How to Apply

Applications for the Non-Profit Capital Program will be accepted from **Monday, February 12th through Friday, March 8th at 2:00 PM.**

Interested nonprofits may apply online at the [Non-Profit Capital Program page](#). Applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission and applicants will be notified of the funding decision following City Council approval.

For more information, please contact the Grants Division at 309-494-8600 or [by email](#).

Community Development - City of Peoria Launches Utility Assistance Program Lottery

The city of Peoria is accepting applications for the Utility Assistance Program Lottery from Monday, February 19th through Friday, March 8th at 2:00 PM. This program pays overdue gas and electric bills for residents who are at risk of having their power disconnected when shut-

offs resume in the spring. The city will make payments directly to Ameren Illinois to pay for any delinquent amount owed plus one current month's bill up to \$5,000 per household.

To qualify, applicants:

- Must have overdue gas and electric bills with Ameren Illinois
- Must be at or below the income limit for the household size
- Cannot be receiving LIHEAP assistance or other ongoing utility assistance
- Cannot live in multi-family public housing units

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Income	\$50,600	\$57,800	\$65,050	\$72,050	\$78,050	\$83,850

How to Apply

Applications for the 2024 Utility Assistance Program Lottery will be accepted from **Monday, February 19th through Friday, March 8th at 2:00 PM.**

There are three ways to enter the Utility Assistance Program Lottery.

- Online: Visit the [Utility Assistance Program page](#)
- Call: (309) 494-8600
- In-Person: Visit City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602 (Monday – Friday; 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Lottery Information

The lottery will be held online via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00 AM.** You do not need to attend the lottery to be selected. You can attend the lottery through your computer, tablet, or smartphone by visiting this link: <https://meet.goto.com/CityPZC/utility-assistance-lottery> and typing in the access code: 681-269-069.

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 online.

For questions, please contact the Development Center or grants@peoriagov.org

UTILITY ASSISTANCE LOTTERY



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 8

Assistance available up to \$5,000 for households with overdue electric and gas bills

- Must have overdue gas and electric bills with Ameren Illinois
- Cannot be receiving LIHEAP assistance or other ongoing utility assistance

Lottery will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 12 at 10 AM

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Income	\$50,600	\$57,800	\$65,050	\$72,050	\$78,050	\$83,850

APPLY TODAY:

- ▶ Online at www.peoriagov.org/1004/utility-assistance-program
- ▶ Call 309.494.8600
- ▶ Visit Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton St, Room 203 (Monday - Friday; 8 AM - 12 PM)

Peoria Police Department – Take the Plunge, Saturday, February 17, 2024

Several men and women with the Peoria Police Department took the plunge for a very good cause on



Saturday, February 17, 2024. They participated in the 2024 Polar Plunge in downtown Peoria where the temperature was a cold 7-degrees. They braved the chilly weather and water to support Special Olympics Region-G.

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Peoria Public Works - Adams St traffic control for OWTW Conversion Project to begin Feb. 26

Beginning Monday, February 26, construction work zones and traffic control will be established on SW Adams Street between Walnut Street and Fulton Street. Restrictions in the parking lane on the south side of SW Adams Street will be present.

These parking restrictions will be clearly marked, and meters will be bagged with “No Parking” signs. Additional parking and lane restrictions will be forthcoming as the Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue One-Way to Two-Way (OWTW) Conversion Project progresses.

Construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 4. Work will begin at the intersection of N William Kumpf Boulevard and SW Adams Street.

Drivers should be mindful of workers in the area and watch for no parking areas. Extra caution should be exercised in the area.

Community Development Weekly Report

- Please see attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 02/15/2024 - 02/21/2024

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	40	374
Total Value of Development	\$ 932,586	\$ 11,953,010

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 inquiries.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
PZ-1726-2024	2900 W Lake Ave	Planning & Zoning Commission	Rezone – R6 to C1	4	JR
COM-11702-2024	3057 N Sterling Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Smoke Times	1	JN

Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
RES-11682-2024	3918 W Fiona Way	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JR
SIGN-11660-2024	400 NE Saint Marks Ct	Permanent Sign	Install 1 freestanding and 1 wall sign – OSF Children’s Hospital	3	KW
RES-11683-2024	3902 W Fiona Way	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JR
SIGN-11705-2024	7915 N Hale Ave	Permanent Sign	Install 2 wall signs – O’Reilly Auto Parts	5	JR
SIGN-11711-2024	3929 W War Memorial Dr	Permanent Sign	Install 2 freestanding directional signs	4	JR

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3. Certificates of Occupancy Issued 01/01/2024-02/21/2024

- **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
124 SW Adams St	Commercial	OSF Healthcare Ministry Headquarters	2
615 NE Jefferson Ave	Commercial	St. Mary's Parish Hall	3
7225 N Allen Rd	Commercial	Huck's	4
530 NE Glen Oak Ave	Commercial	OSF Saint Francis Medical Center	3
1307 W Glen Ave	Commercial	Subway	2
2004 N Knoxville Ave	Commercial	Arona Home Essentials Peoria	3
7309 N Knoxville Ave	Commercial	Springfield Clinic	5

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
18-03-177-008	1412 NE Glendale Ave	3	Judicial Deed

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
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Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-04-176-028	1609 N Bigelow St	2	City - Planned
18-08-387-006	1308 W Howett St	1	Private - Planned
18-04-177-027	1609 N Linn St	2	City - Planned
14-33-162-014	405 W McClure Ave	2	Private - 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
1200 W Main St, Ste 21	Insomnia Cookies	Plans Approved	2
1200 W Main St, Ste 22	5 Star Fish and Chicken	Plans Received	2

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Community Development Department Contact Information

Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.

Leah Allison (LA)
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Senior Urban Planner
494-8606

Julia Rose (JR)
Urban Planner
494-8649

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