



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: October 24, 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 City Hall-O-Ween this Friday, October 25

Join us for the fifth annual City Hall-O-Ween. Everyone is welcome to join the fun at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

City Hall will be decorated and staff will hand out candy and food-free Halloween treats to attendees. This is a great opportunity to meet the people who provide



CITY HALL-O-WEEN
 TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE FAMILY AT CITY HALL!
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
 PEORIA CITY HALL
 419 FULTON STREET
 THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE TO ALL AGES
 PARTICIPATING OFFICES WILL BE DECORATED

service to the Peoria community every day and explore Peoria’s historic City Hall.

For more information about Trash-Or-Treat and City Hall-O-Ween, please contact Joe Dulin, Community Development Director, at 309-494-8631 or [by email](#)

Roads to be Closed on October 26, for Sigma Nu Halloween 4K Fundraiser

Beginning at 7:45 a.m. and lasting until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, numerous roads around the Bradley University Campus will be closed due to the Sigma Nu Halloween 4K Fundraiser. The 4K is sponsored by Bradley University – Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Drivers should exercise caution and patience along the race route. The use of alternative routes is advised.

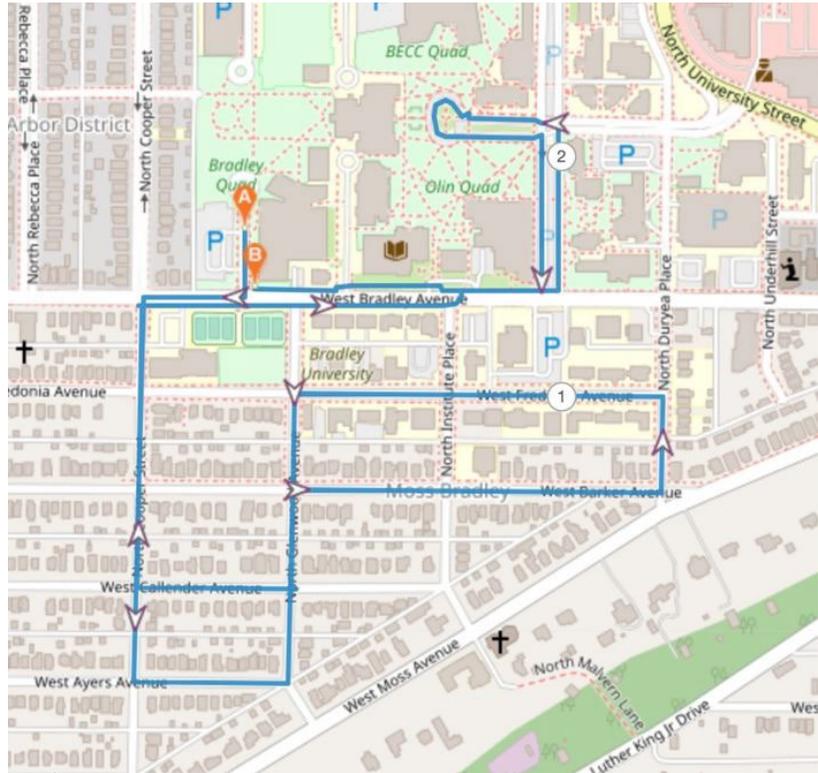
Road Closures

- W. Bradley Avenue will be closed to through traffic between N. Cooper Street and N. Elmwood Avenue.
- N. Cooper Street will be closed to through traffic between W. Bradley Avenue and W. Ayres Avenue.
- W. Fredonia Avenue will be closed to through traffic between N. Cooper Street and N. Duryea Place.
- W. Barker Avenue will be closed to through traffic between N. Cooper Street and N. Duryea Place.
- W. Callender Avenue will be closed to through traffic between N. Cooper Street and N. Glenwood Avenue.
- W. Ayres Avenue will be closed to through traffic between N. Cooper Street and N. Glenwood Avenue.
- N. Glenwood Avenue will be closed to through traffic between W. Ayres Avenue and W. Fredonia Avenue.
- N. Institute Place will be closed to through traffic between W. Barker Avenue and W. Fredonia Avenue.
- N. Duryea Place will be closed to through traffic between W. Barker Avenue and W. Fredonia Avenue.



Race Route

Runners will start on Clarissa Court on the Bradley University Campus. Runners will race west on W. Bradley Avenue, south on N. Cooper Street, east on W. Ayers Avenue, north on N. Glenwood Avenue, east on W. Barker Avenue, north on N. Duryea Place, west on W. Fredonia Avenue, south on N. Glenwood Avenue, west on W. Callender Avenue, north on N. Cooper Street, east on W. Bradley Avenue, north on N. Elmwood Avenue, circle around the W. St. James Street roundabout, south on N. Elmwood Avenue, west on W. Bradley Avenue, and finish back at Clarissa Court on the Bradley University Campus.



Community Development Hosts Annual “Trash or Treat” Clean Up Event



On Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Community Development staff and volunteers held a cleanup in the West Bluff for trick-or-treaters. Over 25 bags of trash were traded in for candy and treats.

For more information on “Trash or Treat”, please contact Joe Dulin, Community Development Director, at 309-494-8631 or [by email](#).



Peoria Fire Department Wrapping Up Fire Prevention Month

Fire Prevention Month will be wrapping up over the next week, and Peoria Fire Department prevention department will visit all 13 Peoria Public Schools and reach over 3,500 children to stress the importance of having working smoke detectors in the home. In addition to Fire Prevention Month,



Division Chief of Prevention Nate Rice, and members of the Fire Suppression team will be going around and teaching the local third graders about fire safety with a program called “Sound Off.” This program is designed to teach children the sounds of smoke alarms, the need for monthly testing of smoke alarms and, most importantly, builds a community with children, parents, and firefighters based on the importance of fire safety.

Peoria Fire Department Dive Team Holds Quarterly Training

The Peoria Fire Department's Dive team held their quarterly dive training on Monday, October 21. With the Illinois River being a major attraction in the area, drawing boats in the summer and the heavy traffic of barges throughout the year, the Dive team plays an essential role in our community.

The Dive team train on a variety of types of rescues, taking into considerations all possible types of accidents that may occur. The team is made up of experienced master divers and firefighters who train rigorously in all types of waters and elements.



Peoria Fire Graduation Hosts Graduation for 18 Recruits from Nine Agencies

On Thursday, October 17, the Peoria Fire Department held a graduation for 18 recruits from nine different agencies.

Although there were no Peoria graduates this fall, the Vernon "Butch" Gudat Training tower offers complete professional firefighting training for other departments across the state. With a 12-week course based around fire science, physical fitness, and intense field



training, recruits learn in all areas on how to become a successful firefighter. The Fire Training Academy hosts two classes a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Peoria Police Department Participates in Police Night at Peoria Stadium

The Peoria Police Department participated in Police Night at Peoria Stadium on Friday, Oct. 18, as Peoria High School took on Bloomington. The fun began with a Peoria Police escort from Peoria High School to the stadium. The team was escorted on a newly wrapped CityLink bus, covered in PPD recruitment information. The night ended with a big, 44-28 victory for the Lions.



Peoria Police Department Displays New Historic Donations

Thomas Fitzgerald and John Gleason, the great-grandsons of former Peoria Police Officer Raymond Joseph Leitner (born in the late 1800s), were formally recognized by Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria on Oct. 23. Fitzgerald and Gleason donated their great-grandfather's uniform, nightstick, and badge to the police department.



This incredible piece of history is currently displayed in the commons area of the Peoria Police Department.

Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Update

Sidewalk removal work at the northwest corner of the Main Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 100 SW Adams Street, has begun. Sidewalks in the area are closed to pedestrian access.

Sidewalk work continues at the northeast and northwest corners of the Liberty Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 300 Liberty Street and 300 SW Adams Street. Work also continues at the northwest corner of the Harrison Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 400 SW Adams Street.

Sidewalk removal work at the northwest corner of the N William Kumpf Boulevard and SW Adams Street intersection, near 500 SW Adams Street.

Lane and parking restrictions remain in effect along SW Adams Street. On-street parking restrictions are marked. Drivers should look for unbagged, available parking meters for on-street parking. **If parking meters are bagged with “No Parking” signs, drivers should not park at those spots. Parking at bagged parking meters will result in a ticket and vehicle removal at the owner’s expense.**

Additional parking, lane, and sidewalk restrictions will be forthcoming as the Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue One-Way to Two-Way (OWTW) Conversion Project progresses.

Peoria Public Schools Announces Exciting Expansion of Pre-K Program

Peoria Public Schools is thrilled to announce the opening of four new Pre-K classrooms at the Woodruff Early Learning Center, starting Nov. 6. This expansion is a significant step forward in our commitment to early childhood education and our community's youngest learners.

The new classrooms are designed for students who will be starting kindergarten in the fall of 2025. Eligibility for this program is extended to children who are currently four years old and will be turning five by Sept. 5, 2025. We are excited to welcome our new students and provide them with a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters a love for learning. Our Pre-K program is designed to give children the best possible start to their educational journey.

The Woodruff ELC will operate as a full-day school from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We also understand the importance of nutrition in a child's development and learning, so we will be providing breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack to all our Pre-K students. Additionally, transportation will be provided if needed, ensuring that all eligible children can benefit from this program.

Interested parents are encouraged to call Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center for a screening appointment at 309-672-6810. We look forward to welcoming your child to our growing family at Peoria Public Schools.

Issues Update
Oct. 24, 2024

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 10/17/2024 - 10/23/2024

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 virtually. We also offer an in-person option the first Monday of each month at Distillery Labs at 201 SW Adams St. This is a free service for anyone who wants to discuss development with staff from various city departments, local utility companies, the Peoria County 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	69
Development Center Permits Issued	75	2798
Total Value of Development	\$ 3,962,538	\$ 140,604,373

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-14339-2024	5309 W Landens Way	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – Peterson Hotels	4	JR
MULT-14337-2024	2401 N Gale Ave	Multi-Family Alteration	Int./Ext. Alt. – Wallick Communities	1	JN
COM-14338-2024	2218 N Prospect Rd	Commercial Alteration	New restroom building – Glen Oak Park	3	KW
COM-14334-2024	3315 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alt. – Walmart	2	KW
COM-14330-2024	4735 N Brandywine Dr	Commercial Alteration	Ext Alt. – Four Seasons Women’s Apparel	2	KW
COM-14366-2024	3706 N Prospect Rd	Commercial Alteration	Int./ Ext. Alt. – Starbuck’s	3	KW
COM-14374-2024	5805 N Knoxville Ave	Commercial Addition	Building addition – Donovan Park	3	KW
PZ-2119-2024	3026 N Gale Ave	Planning and Zoning Commission	Rezoning – R3 to C1	1	JN
PZ-2120-2024	7405 N University St	Planning and Zoning Commission	Rezoning – C1 to C2 and Special Use for Tree Trimming Service/Specialty Toy Shop	5	JN

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PZ-2117-2024	1916 W Proctor St	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use to allow for a duplex in R4 zoning	1	JN
PZ-2118-2024	1912 W Proctor St	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use to allow for a duplex in R4 zoning	1	JN
COM-14388-2024	1612 SW Adams St	Change of Occupancy	New tow yard and car sales and service – Cannon Auto Sales and Service	1	JN
MULT-14399-2024	5330 N Frostwood Pkwy	New Multi-Family	New 2-story, 8-dwelling unit apartment building and garage – Frostwood Apartments	4	JR

Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-14344-2024	7600 N Academic Dr	Permanent Sign	Install 2 wall signs – Methodist College	4	JR
SIGN-14365-2024	1520 W Altorfer Dr	Permanent Sign	Install 1 freestanding sign – Republic ResponseAbility	5	JN
SIGN-14369-2024	901 W Lake Ave	Permanent Sign	Install 1 wall sign – Leaves N Beans	3	KW
RES-14349-2024	4014 W Fiona Way	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JN

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
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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
2200 W War Memorial Dr	Tilted 10	Plans Approved	4

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Community Development Department Contact Information Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.	
<p align="center">Leah Allison (LA) <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p align="center">Josh Naven (JN) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p align="center">Kerilyn Weick (KW) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p align="center">Julia Rose (JR) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p> <p align="center">Nolan Meyer (NM) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p>	<p align="center">Rich Storm (RS) <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p align="center">Matt Ziller (MZ) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p align="center">Craig Reid (CR) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p align="center">Issac Garcia (IG) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p>