



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: November 14, 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.

Wisconsin Avenue Officially Reopens after Reconstruction Project Finishes



A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Wisconsin Avenue Reconstruction Project was held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Arcadia Avenue. The reconstruction of Wisconsin Avenue from Nebraska Avenue to McClure Avenue was a \$6.5 million project that began in March 2024. The project included a complete reconstruction of the roadway, new sidewalks on the west side of the road, and a multi-use path on the east side. The next reconstruction project on Wisconsin Avenue, from McClure Avenue to Forrest Hill Avenue, is scheduled to begin in 2026.

Community Development – City of Peoria Offers Emergency Repair Program

The city of Peoria offers an Emergency Repair Program for homeowners with broken furnaces or water heaters. To apply for this program, homeowners must:

- Provide proof of homeowners insurance.
- Provide proof of income.
- Be current on property taxes, not owe any fees or fines to the city, and be current on their mortgage.

All applicants must have a household income below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). To find out if your household qualifies, please visit the [Emergency Repair Program webpage](#) or call the Community Development department at 309-494-8600.

For questions about the Emergency Repair Program, please email grants@peoriagov.org or contact our Development Center at 309-494-8600.

Peoria Fire Department Holds Technical Rescue Team Quarterly Training



The Peoria Fire Department, along with its MABAS 36 Technical Rescue Team members, recently hosted its quarterly team training at the Local 649 training site in Bartonville. The scenario-based

training topic was TRENCH working on an L-Trench and live trench conditions. Peoria firefighters regularly operate in areas of unknowns, with the potential for multifaceted emergencies. The Technical Rescue Team is another example of the Peoria Fire Department's depth of resources for addressing and responding to these issues.

Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Update

Sidewalk removal work at the northeast corner of the Harrison Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 335 SW Adams Street, has begun.

Sidewalk work continues at the northwest corner of the Main Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 100 SW Adams Street. Work also continues at the northeast corner of the Liberty Street and SW Adams Street intersection, near 300 Liberty 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.

Glen Avenue Reconstruction Project Ribbon-Cutting to Occur Friday, Nov. 15

The city of Peoria Department of Public Works will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Glen Avenue Reconstruction Project. The ceremony will begin at 10 am on Friday, Nov. 15, in front of Concordia Lutheran School, 2000 W Glen Ave.

The ceremony is open to the public and attendees should utilize Concordia Lutheran School for parking.

The reconstruction of Glen Avenue from War Memorial Drive to University Street was a two-year, \$13.6 million project that began in March 2023. The project included the replacement of the existing pavement, new curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, and upgraded pedestrian accommodations.

MacArthur Highway Between Moss Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Reopens to Traffic

The city of Peoria Department of Public Works is pleased to announce that MacArthur Highway between Moss Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive has reopened to traffic.

Drivers should use caution in the area and be mindful of the functioning traffic signals.

MacArthur Highway closed in August for a reconstruction project that included the complete reconstruction of the roadway and new sidewalks. The cost of the project was \$1 million.

Peoria Public Schools – Woodruff Career and Technical Center Culinary Students to Provide Meals at Warrior Way Cafe

We cordially invite you to join us for a meal at the Warrior Way Cafe, an eight-time consecutive winner of the Illinois Restaurant Association's Management Competition. Enjoy a unique dining experience prepared by our talented culinary students at Woodruff Career and Technical Center. This week, we are excited to present a three-course menu featuring a choice of Tomato Soup or House Salad for starters, followed by a hearty Roasted Chicken Pot Pie, and concluding with a sweet Boston Cream Cupcake for dessert.



Our cafe offers both dine-in and carry-out services from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person, payable by cash or check. Please note that reservations are required and can be made by emailing warriorwaycafe@psd150.org by 12 p.m. on the day of your visit. The café will be open the following dates:

- November 14 & 21
- December 5 & 12
- January 16 & 30
- February 13 & 27
- March 13
- April 10

We look forward to welcoming you to the Warrior Way Cafe, where every meal is a journey of culinary creativity. Your support contributes to the growth and development of our students, and we can't wait for them to serve you!

With gratitude,

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

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Nov. 14, 2024

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 11/07/2024 - 11/13/2024

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	71
Development Center Permits Issued	63	2991
Total Value of Development	\$3,868,512	\$ 150,316,012

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-14563-2024	6926 N Stalworth Dr	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alt. – Frances House, Inc	4	JR
PZ-2149-2024	813 N Douglas St	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use – Short Term Rental	2	KW
PZ-2144-2024	211 E Lake Ave	Planning and Zoning Commission	Rezone from P1 to R3 & C1	3	KW

Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN-14548-2024	710 Fayette St	Permanent Sign	Install one wall sign – Signs Matter	2	KW

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
18-07-483-030	1919 W Lincoln Ave	1	Quit Claim Deed

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
18-08-357-001	1720 W Howett St	1	Side Lot Program

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-04-301-008	1223 N Ellis St	1	City - Planned
14-34-332-004	2204 N Prospect Rd	2	Private - Planned
18-08-326-017	1508 W Aiken Ave	1	Private - Emergency

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
2600 SW Jefferson Ave	Ernie's Fried Fish & Chicken	Plans Received	1

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