



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: May 1, 2025

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.

PeoriaCorps to Host Graduation on Friday, May 2

The public is invited to attend the graduation ceremony for the 11th cohort of PeoriaCorps on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 1 p.m. in Twin Towers Mall, Room 420, 456 Fulton St.

PeoriaCorps staff, in coordination with Serve IL and AmeriCorps State and National, will honor five graduating AmeriCorps members of the program, Kendall Hood, Bradley Miller, Teryn Thomas, Steed Weeks, and Daighla Williams. During their program, they earned their OSHA 10 certification for General Industry and CPR First Aid certification, completed forklift safety training through Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, and finished the program with 4,500 hours served.



PeoriaCorps Graduation

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025
1 PM
TWIN TOWERS MALL
456 FULTON ST
ROOM 420

Launched in October 2017, the PeoriaCorps Program aims to provide a rewarding, service-based experience, career track, and opportunities for unemployed workers 18 years and older. Corps members have the opportunity, through hands-on training, to gain skills in environmental beautification/stewardship and green landscaping solutions. In addition to field work, members receive classroom training in green infrastructure maintenance and employability soft skills. For the past six months, this cohort has worked on green infrastructure projects that include planting

trees, harvesting and planting native plants, and cleaning, weeding, and maintaining green infrastructure installations around the city of Peoria.

Water Street Road Closure Set for May 3, for OSF Nun Run for Cancer

Closures and parking restrictions along S.W. Water Street from Harrison Street to Main Street will go into effect at 6:30 a.m. and last until 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, for the OSF Nun Run for Cancer, sponsored by OSF Foundations.

Drivers should be mindful of these closures and restrictions. The use of caution and alternative routes is advised.

Road Closures & Parking Restrictions

- When the run begins, S.W. Water Street will be closed from Harrison Street to Main Street. This closure will last until the last participant passes through the Main Street Intersection and crosses onto the RiverFront Trail.

- o During this time, no on-street parking will be allowed on S.W. Water Street from Harrison Street to Main Street.

- Once all participants have crossed onto the trail, S.W. Water Street will reopen to traffic from Main Street to Liberty Street.

- o At this time, on-street parking will be allowed on S.W. Water Street from Main Street to Liberty Street.

- S.W. Water Street will then be closed from Liberty Street to Harrison Street until 10:30 a.m.

- Liberty Street will be closed at S.W. Water Street for the duration of the run.

- Harrison Street will be closed at S.W. Water Street for the duration of the run.

Detour Route

- S.W. Water Street through traffic should utilize S.W. Washington Street as a detour route.

Community Development Staff Hosts Coffee with Code Open House

On Wednesday, April 30, Community Development staff hosted a Coffee with Code open house at the Peoria Public Library Main Library. Community members came out to meet their code enforcement inspector, talk to their neighbors, and learn more about the city's grant programs.



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For more information on future events, please contact Kaylee Drea, Community Development Engagement Coordinator, at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).



Community Development Participates in 2025 Great American Cleanup

The 2025 Great American Cleanup took place on Saturday, April 26. Twenty neighborhood associations across Peoria were joined by Community Development staff members, the Peoria Fire Department, and community volunteers to pick up litter and beautify the community.

While it is important to maintain clean and healthy neighborhoods all year long, this nationwide cleanup effort is an opportunity to show appreciation for the community's neighborhoods.

For any questions about the Great American Cleanup or more information about future neighborhood cleanups, please contact Kaylee Drea, Community Development Engagement Coordinator, at 309-494-8624 or [by email](#).





Peoria Fire Department Division Chief of Operations Lore Baxter to Retire

It is with deep appreciation and warm wishes that the Peoria Fire Department announces the retirement of Lore Baxter, Division Chief of Operations, effective Friday, May 2.

Chief Baxter began her career with the PFD in 1998 and has served with distinction for over 27 years. Throughout her tenure, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the department's mission. Her contributions have not only advanced operational success, but have also fostered a culture of integrity, collaboration, and excellence.



Under her guidance, the Division of Operations has seen remarkable growth, innovation, and operational efficiency. Her commitment to mentoring future leaders and building strong teams has left an enduring legacy that will continue to benefit the organization for years to come.

The Peoria Fire Department will celebrate Chief Baxter's outstanding career and wish her the best in her next chapter on Friday, May 2, following a badge pinning ceremony at 10 a.m. at Fire Central.

Peoria Fire Department Celebrates 150 Years of Service

On Tuesday, April 29, the Peoria Fire Department held an open house at Peoria Fire Central to celebrate its 150-year anniversary.

Established as a paid department in 1875, the Peoria Fire Department has grown and



evolved alongside the city of Peoria. Several significant incidents over the years have shaped the way the department responds to incidents and serves the community. The Wheels of Time Museum brought the 1931 Ahrens-Fox Engine Pumper that it displays in its museum to the station for the occasion.

Peoria Fire Department Participates in “Family Challenge Day” at First Ascent Climbing and Fitness

On Saturday, April 26, members of the Peoria Fire Department participated in an event at First Ascent Climbing and Fitness that was sponsored by Camp I Am Me and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. “Family Challenge Day” brought together survivors of fire incidents and their families to participate in a challenging activity that was outside of their comfort zone.

Camp I Am Me is a non-profit organization that provides free programs for families affected by burn-related injuries. The Peoria Fire Department collaborates with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance on fire prevention and public education efforts in the community.



Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project Update

Sidewalk work has started at the southeast corner of Main Street and NE Jefferson Avenue, near the Peoria County Courthouse. Sidewalks near this intersection are closed. Pedestrians should use caution and cross the street at the next available intersection.

Sidewalk work continues at Fulton Plaza at SW Jefferson Avenue. The sidewalks near 331 Fulton Street and 120 SW Jefferson Avenue are closed. The northeast corner of SW Adams Street and N William Kumpf Boulevard is nearing completion and will reopen to pedestrian traffic soon.

The following intersections have been completed and have reopened to pedestrian traffic:

- The southwest corner of SW Jefferson Avenue and Liberty Street.
- The southwest corner of SW Harrison Street and Jefferson Avenue.
- The northwest corner of SW Adams Street and N William Kumpf Boulevard.

Sidewalk removal will soon begin at the southeast corner of Hamilton Boulevard and NE Jefferson Avenue, near 200 NE Jefferson Avenue.

As a reminder, when sidewalks are closed, pedestrians should use caution in the area and cross the street at the next available intersection.

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 in those spots.**

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.

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

Peoria Public Works Open House Set for Thursday, May 15

To usher in National Public Works Week, the Department of Public Works is hosting an open house from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, at the Public Works Facility, 3505 N Dries Lane.

The Public Works Open House is an all-ages, family event where attendees can learn how the department operates through interactive demonstrations, displays, and games. Visitors can check out the inner workings of numerous pieces of equipment, such as plow trucks and street sweepers, as well as have the opportunity to paint a snowplow blade.

Balloon and face painting artists from the Unique Twist & Twisting Crew and Expressions Body Art & Design will be on hand. A bounce house and complimentary food and drinks will be offered. Other community partners will be present with fun, educational exhibits.

National Public Works Week – May 18-24

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 30,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing, and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

Peoria Public Schools – Teacher Appreciation Week and Upcoming Events

As we prepare to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week from May 5 through May 9, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of our 878 dedicated teachers across Peoria Public Schools. Our educators go above and beyond each day to empower, inspire, and guide our students. Whether it's in classrooms, labs, libraries, or on athletic fields, their tireless commitment helps our entire community thrive.

Each student's success is a reflection of the passion and perseverance of our teachers. From early childhood educators helping students take their first academic steps to high school teachers preparing young adults for their next chapters, PPS teachers are the heart of our mission.

I am also thrilled to share a major student and staff accomplishment—our Woodruff Career and Technical Center Culinary Arts team has done it again! For the ninth year in a row, our talented culinary students, under the expert guidance of their instructors, won first place at the ProStart State Invitational Competition. They will proudly represent Illinois at the National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland, from May 2 through May 4. This remarkable achievement speaks volumes about the quality of our Career and Technical Education programs and the dedication of our staff.

Looking ahead to summer, we're excited to offer enriching opportunities for our middle school students. Registration is now open for City Kids Camp, a free, overnight summer camp experience held June 9–13 in Lewistown, Illinois. This unique program gives students the chance to connect with peers, build confidence, and enjoy the outdoors in a structured, supportive environment.

Thank you to our incredible teachers, supportive families, and engaged community partners. Together, we are creating a brighter future for every student.

With gratitude,



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 04/24/2025 – 04/30/2025

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	3	37
Development Center Permits Issued	47	842
Total Value of Development	\$7,107,885	\$112,532,229

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
MULT 899-2025	935 W Loire Ct	Multi-Family Alteration	Int. Alteration – Versailles Apartments	5	NM
COM 900-2025	5026 W Holiday Dr	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alteration – Home Depot	4	JR
COM 902-2025	530 NE Glen Oak Ae	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alteration – OSF	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 897-2025	7713 N Orange Prairie Rd	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – Brienzo’s	4	JR
SIGN 918-2025	7713 N Orange Prairie Rd	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – Brienzo’s	4	JR

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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
5315 W Landens Way	Egg Republic	Plans Approved	4
1310 N Missouri Ave	The Overlook Café	Plans Received/Plans Approved	3
106 E McClure	Bright Kitchen Strategies	Plans Received/Plans Approved	3
511 N Richard Allen Dr	Ward Chapel AME Church Ministry	Plans Approved	1
-	Go Bites Mobile Unit	Plans Received	-

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