



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**



**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager** 

**DATE: June 5, 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.

**Registration Now Open for Civic Leadership Academy 2025**

Peoria County is now accepting applications for Civic Leadership Academy, an annual program held in conjunction with the city of Peoria. With an aim to help participants understand governmental functions, the free program includes a weekly session that takes place at either a county or city government facility and usually involves a presentation, tour, and time for questions and answers.

This year, the program will be on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. from August 7 to October 14, 2025, concluding with a graduation by proclamation at the Peoria County Board meeting and first Peoria City Council meeting in October.

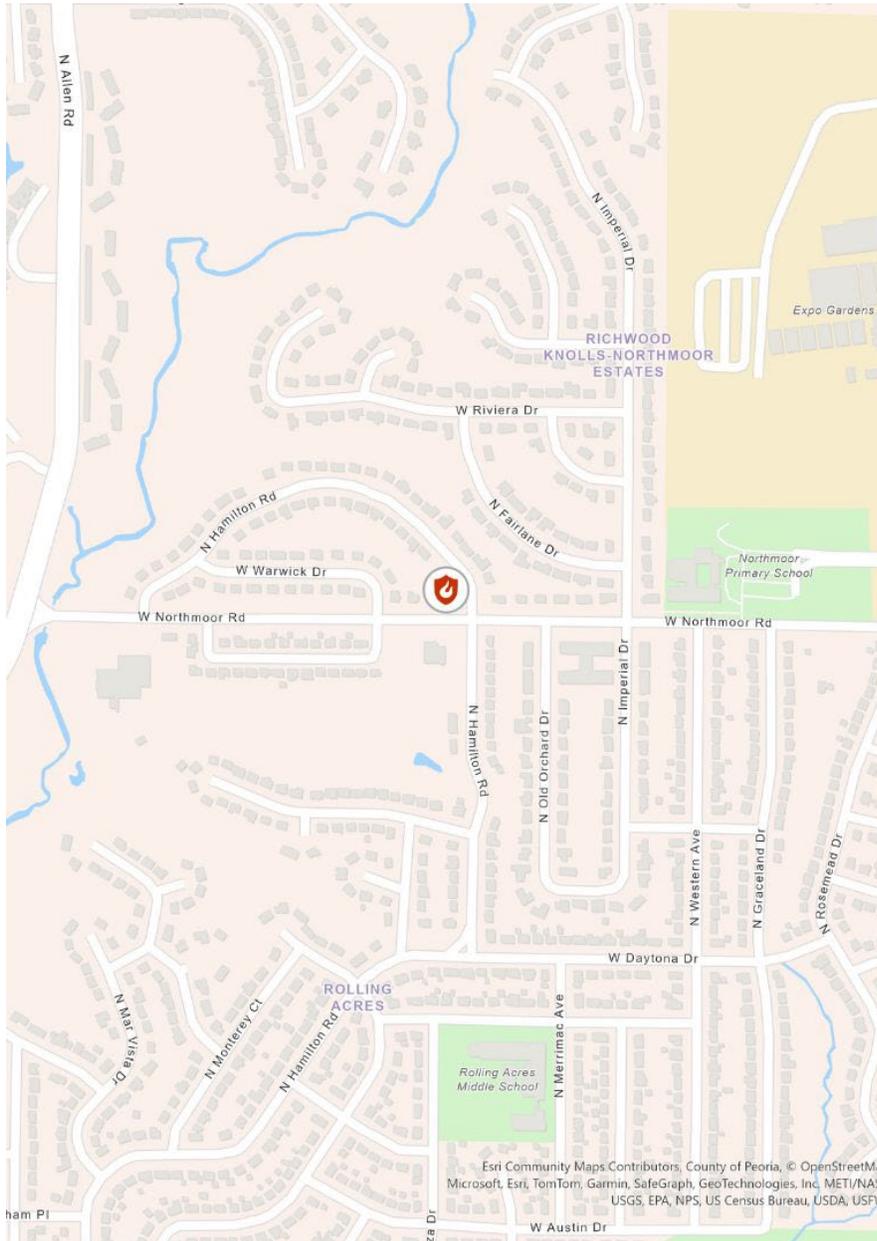
Topics and tours include the Peoria Police Department, Emergency Communications Center, Peoria County Coroner's Office, Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Peoria Public Works, Peoria Fire, and Peoria County Animal Protection Services. Programs are hosted by local officials discussing the work their department performs, the resources they offer, and the challenges they face.

Civic Leadership Academy is for ages 18 and older and requires registration online at <https://www.peoriacounty.gov/448/Civic-Leadership-Academy>. Paper copies of the application are also available at the Peoria County Courthouse (Room 502) by the deadline of July 18, 2025. Details are subject to change with a final schedule to be handed out at the first session. Space is limited, and applicants will be notified upon their acceptance into the program.

**Traffic Alert: Temporary Delays on Northmoor Road for Fire Station 16 Construction**

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 9, contractors will be onsite at 2105 W. Northmoor Road to support steel deliveries for the Fire Station 16 project. Semi-trucks will be delivering structural materials throughout the day and into Tuesday, June 10, including the arrival of a crane.

Drivers should expect brief, intermittent traffic delays during this time. Normal traffic patterns are expected to resume by Wednesday, June 11, weather permitting.



**Traffic Delays  
Expected for  
Area  
Immediately  
Surrounding  
Fire Station 16  
(Primarily  
Northmoor and  
Hamilton Roads)**



**Fire  
Station 16**

**Located at  
2105 W.  
Northmoor  
Road**



**Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs Visit Emergency Communications Center**

The Emergency Communications Center had a couple of very special guests this week – Believe and Nigel, two Golden Retrievers from the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs program. Believe is a Comfort Dog in Training and Nigel is one of nine dogs who make up the Kare 9 Military Ministry.

These dogs are trained to bring calm and connection wherever they go, whether it's a 911 dispatch center, a school, a nursing home, a hospital, a veterans facility, or even a disaster site.

They travel around the country offering support to people in tough moments, and this week, that included the city's hardworking dispatchers.



### **PeoriaCorps Cohort Tours City Hall**

On Wednesday, June 4, rainy weather gave the current PeoriaCorps cohort a break from working outside. The program's four members took a tour of City Hall and learned about government, architecture, history, and art.

Pictured (L-R): PeoriaCorps Crew Supervisor Kevin Bennett, Montel Clark, Alonzo Hemphill, Carl Parker, and Elijah Porter.

For more information on PeoriaCorps, visit <https://bit.ly/3vmZoxi>



### **Community Development – 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Community Participation Plan**

The Consolidated Plan helps the city of Peoria decide how to spend federal funding received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) over the next five years. When making this plan, city staff members look at housing, infrastructure, and public service gaps to figure out how the federal funds need to be used to improve the community. City staff members also ask community members to provide their ideas.

The draft of the 2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan is available for public comment until Monday, June 23 at 5 p.m. There are three ways to submit a comment:

- Public Hearing: There are two public hearings scheduled to obtain views and opinions from the public. The first is on Friday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at City Hall Room 404. The second is on Tuesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Branch Library, Lincoln Room, 1312 W Lincoln Ave, Peoria, IL 61606.
- In-Person: The plan is also available for viewing at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.).
- Comments: Written comments may be submitted in person, via mail to Grants Management Division, 419 Fulton Street, Room 203, Peoria, IL 61602, and [by email](#).

If any accommodations are needed, please contact Kathryn Murphy, Grants and Budget Manager, at 309-494-8600 or [by email](#).

### **Community Development Staff Hosts Special Intern from PCAPS**

On Wednesday, June 4, Community Development staff welcomed a special intern from the Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS) —Coyote Ugly. She joined staff in checking on code violations, picking up litter, and posting a Good Job Door Hanger.



Her visit was part of a PCAPS initiative to help showcase adoptable dogs and find them forever homes.

### **Peoria Fire Department Introduces Four New Fire Apprentices**



The Peoria Fire Department officially introduced four new Fire Apprentices to the department with a signing day event at Peoria Fire Central on Monday, June 2.

Now in its third year, the Apprentice Program is an educational, three-year program designed to give young adults an inside look at the life of a professional firefighter. All four new Fire Apprentices are Peoria residents and graduates of local high schools. Pictured above (L-R): Andrew Ziller (Dunlap High School), Cooper Vrabel (Dunlap High School), Kaleb Lawson (Peoria High School), and Jaden Huff (Peoria Christian School).

### **Peoria Police Department Goes Live with PREP 1 Dispatch Audio Stream**

The Peoria Police Department is proud to announce that its primary dispatch audio channel, known as PREP 1, is now live and accessible to the public through Broadcastify.

PREP 1 serves as the main dispatch channel for the department's daily patrol operations. Effective immediately, members of the public, media, and community partners can listen from both desktop and mobile devices by visiting: <https://www.broadcastify.com>

This launch is part of the department's continued efforts to enhance transparency, public awareness, and community engagement.

"We heard our community and listened to your concerns. The Peoria Police Department will continue to be as transparent as possible to keep our community members informed about

incidents happening across the city. Our number one priority is the safety of our community, as well as the officers and staff who respond to calls every day. This is another step in our ongoing efforts to build trust and engagement through open communication,” says Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria.

For those interested in listening via a mobile app, a variety of options are available. Most apps embed Broadcastify’s live feeds, making it easy to tune in on the go. Simply search your device’s app store for:

- “Scanner Radio”
- “Police Scanner”
- “Radio Scanner”

These apps are available on both Android and iOS platforms.

### **Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project Update**

Sidewalk work is progressing at numerous intersections along Jefferson Avenue as part of the Adams Street and Jefferson Avenue One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Project.

Sidewalk work is occurring at the following intersections:

- The southwest corner of Fayette Street and NE Jefferson Avenue, near 228 NE Jefferson Avenue.
- The southeast corner of Main Street and NE Jefferson Avenue, near the Peoria County Courthouse.
- Along Fulton Plaza, at SW Jefferson Avenue, between 120 SW Jefferson Avenue and 331 Fulton Street.
- The pedestrian crossings along SW Jefferson Avenue, across from Liberty Street, near the Civic Center, at 201 SW Jefferson Avenue.

The sidewalk work at the northeast corner of SW Adams Street and N William Kumpf Boulevard has been completed.

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 Library Summer Reading is Underway**

Readers of all ages are invited to join Summer Reading at any Peoria Public Library location. Pick up a paper BINGO sheet or track your reading online with PPL's free Beanstack app: <https://bit.ly/4kBZaGu>

This is a great activity to do with your children and grandchildren, but it's rewarding for you, too!

Check in weekly for small prizes and chances to win your branch's prize basket.

Get a BINGO and you can come to our exclusive parties:

- July 16: Exclusive after-hours party at the Peoria Riverfront Museum with the World's Largest Dinosaurs interactive exhibit. Free for all ages!
- July 18: Adult party at Main Library. Private after-hours party with live music, games, prizes, and more. Free!

Complete every challenge on your BINGO card and you are eligible for GRAND PRIZES:

- Ages 0-5: Magna Tiles or gift card equivalent
- Ages 6-12: Nintendo Switch or a tablet
- Ages 13-18: Nintendo Switch or Virtual Reality headset
- Adults: Virtual Reality headset or gift card equivalent (\$200)

### **Peoria Public Schools – Vaccination Information for Upcoming School Year**

Summer is here—a perfect opportunity to focus on your students' health and ensure they are ready for the upcoming school year. One important step is making sure your child's vaccinations are up to date, as state regulations require all incoming kindergarten, 6th, 9th, and 12th graders to meet immunization requirements before school begins.

To make this easy, you can schedule an appointment with your primary care provider. Additionally, our health centers at Manual High School, Peoria High School, and Trewyn K-8 will be open during the third week of July, just before school starts, to provide vaccinations. Once school is in session, these clinics will continue to be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wraparound Center is also available to assist families in getting students up to date on all required immunizations and will be open Monday through Friday during the summer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please remember that all vaccines must be completed by October 15, 2025, to ensure your student's compliance and a smooth start to the school year. Thank you for prioritizing your child's health and working with us to keep our community safe.

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With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray, textured 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: 05/29/2025 – 06/04/2025**

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	1	42
Development Center Permits Issued	50	1,078
Total Value of Development	\$1,353,857	\$133,735,589

### 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
COM 1167-2025	2514 W Hickory Grove Rd	Commercial Accessory Structure	Outdoor Stage – Hickory Grover School	5	NM
COM 1173-2025	3501 W War Memorial Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int Alteration – Heartland Bank and Trust	4	JR
COM 1217-2025	7301 N Allen Rd	Commercial Alteration	Int Alteration – Toyota of Peoria	5	NM
COM 1220-2025	4244 N Brandywine Dr	Commercial Addition	EV Chargers – Sure Stay Hotel	2	KW
COM 1222-2025	110 NE Water St	Commercial Alteration	Int Alteration – El Mirador En el Rio	2	KW

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### Additional Activity

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

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
SIGN 1175-2025	2318 W Willow Knolls Dr	Permanent Sign	2 Canopy Signs – Kemba Peoria Credit Union	4	JR
SIGN 1193-2025	3523 W Willow Knolls Dr	Permanent Sign	Freestanding Sign – Patrick Jenetten	4	JR
SIGN 1212-2025	533 Main St	Permanent Sign	2 Wall Signs, 2 Awning Signs – Marriot Courtyard	2	KW
SIGN 1225-2025	3410 W Willow Knolls Dr	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign - Unruh and Unes	4	JR
HPC 220-2025	612 Wayne St	Historic Preservation Commission	Certificate of Appropriateness – Alterations to Windows, Balconies, Doors, Brick and Light Fixtures	3	KW
PZ 222-2025	401 SW Water St	Planning Zoning Commission	Special Use – Water St Parking Deck, allow art mural height to exceed 30 feet	2	KW
PZ 221-2025	234 SW Jefferson Ave	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use – Jefferson Parking Deck, allow art mural height to exceed 30 feet	2	KW
SUBD 226-2025	7519 N Allen Rd	Subdivision	Survey Plat - A 5.477 Acre tract adjacent to the north line of lot 2 of LLG Sub	5	LA

### 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
6605 Ironwood Dr	Certificate of Occupancy	Capstone Construction	4
4707 N University St	Certificate of Occupancy	Bremer Jewelry	2
3719 N Thistle Dr	Certificate of Occupancy	Jodi Construction	5
6001 N Knoxville Ave	Certificate of Occupancy	Derrick Services	5
2930, 2932 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1
2811, 2813 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1
2914, 2916 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1
2815, 2817 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1

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816, 818 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1
2930, 2932 W Wiswall St	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Lincoln Terrace	1
9104 N Wyndridge Way	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	Rave Homes	4
2105 NE Jefferson Ave	Certificate of Occupancy	River City Construction	2
5315 W Landens Way	Certificate of Occupancy	All About Co, Inc	4
319 Main St	Certificate of Occupancy	Taqueria Irapuato, Inc	2
8013 N Knoxville Ave	Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance	Caliber Collision	5
3926 W Fiona Way	Certificate of Occupancy	Jodi Construction	5
423 SW Washington St	Certificate of Occupancy	Huber Commercial	2
2825 W Ann St, 4E	Certificate of Occupancy	Lincoln Terrace LLP	1

**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
18-08-353-028	1803 W Howett St	1	Quit Claim Deed
18-18-252-002	2424 W Marquette St	1	Quit Claim Deed
18-17-128-010	806 S Sumner St	1	Quit Claim Deed
18-18-155-006	2904 W Antoinette St	1	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
18-07-478-030	2133 W Howett St	1	Private - Planned

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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	The Wares Cookie Shack	Plans Received	4
2612 N Bootz Ave	Multicultural Dual Language Academy	Plans Approved	2
2503 N University St	Glen Barton School	Plans Approved	2
2200 W War Memorial Dr	The Popcorn Shoppe	Closed Establishment	4

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