



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: June 26, 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.

Streets, Parking Lots, and Bridges to be Impacted on July 4, due to Red, White, & BOOM!

Beginning at noon on Friday, July 4, downtown Peoria streets will be restricted due to the Red, White, & BOOM! fireworks display, sponsored by Choose Greater Peoria and i3 Broadband.

Drivers should exercise caution and patience throughout the day and evening. The use of alternative routes is advised, and delays should be expected.

Parking Lot Closures – 9 a.m.

The Liberty Street Riverfront parking lot and the parking lot adjacent to Martini’s on Water.

- The Caterpillar parking lot, located at S.W. Washington Street and Hamilton Boulevard, will be available only to VIP event permit holders and persons with disabilities.

Road Closures – Noon

The following roads will be closed, and parking restrictions will go into effect.

- S.W. Water Street from State Street to Eaton Street.
- Walnut Street between S.W. Washington Street to S.W. Water Street.
- Harrison Street between S.W. Washington Street to S.W. Water Street.



- Liberty Street between S.W. Washington Street to S.W. Water Street.
- Main Street between S.W. Washington Street to S.W. Water Street.
- Hamilton Boulevard between S.W. Washington Street and S.W. Water Street.

During this time, the only traffic allowed in these areas will be vendors, exhibitors, 401 S.W. Water Street property owners, and Ameren employees. Vendors will be required to present their permit to enter the Riverfront. Vendor entry and exit into the Riverfront will not be allowed after 4 p.m.

Road Closures – 8 p.m.

The following roads will be closed, and parking restrictions will go into effect.

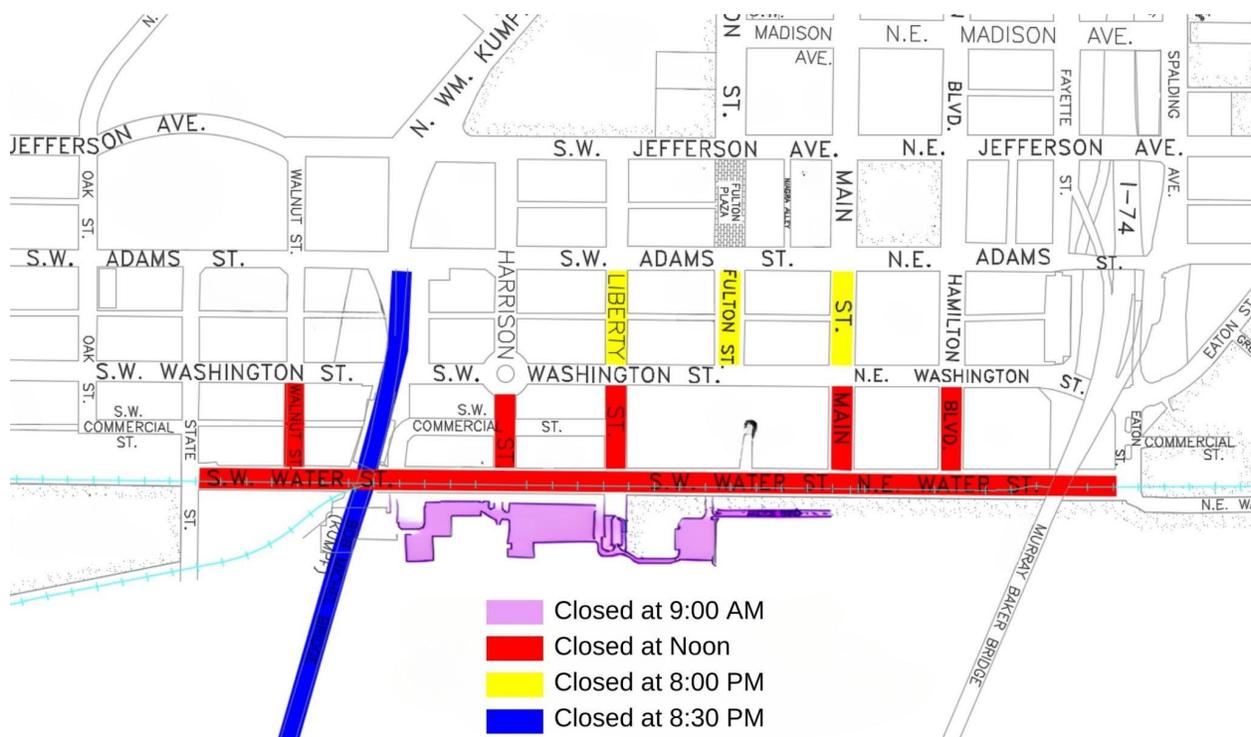
- Liberty Street between S.W. Adams Street and S.W. Washington Street.
- Fulton Street between S.W. Adams Street and S.W. Washington Street.
- Main Street between S.W. Adams Street and S.W. Washington Street.

Bob Michel Bridge Closure – 8:30 p.m.

- The Bob Michel Bridge will be closed to BOTH pedestrian and vehicular traffic starting at 8:30 p.m. and lasting through the duration of the fireworks.

Interstate 74 Exit Closure – 8:30 p.m.

- The I-74 eastbound exits of 93, 94, and 95 will be closed starting at 8:30 p.m.



What Should I Not Bring

Please see this special note from the organizers of the Choose Greater Peoria Red, White, and BOOM!:

- Personal fireworks of any kind, including sparklers, are prohibited on the Riverfront grounds. Choose Greater Peoria Red, White, and BOOM!, presented by i3 Broadband, will have all the fireworks you will need.
- Bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, or scooters are prohibited on the Riverfront grounds.
- Dogs and other family pets are prohibited except for ESA-certified service animals.
- The use of drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles in the vicinity of the riverfronts and between the Murray Baker Bridge and the Bob Michel Bridge is strictly prohibited.
- Additionally, outside alcohol, cannabis, or other illicit drugs, grills, firearms or weapons of any kind, open flames, laser pointers, parking of vehicles on the sidewalks, and furniture, other than lawn chairs, are all prohibited.

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](#). 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.

Peoria Fire Department – Station 16 Rebuild Update

Construction continues at Fire Station 16. The fire station, which was previously the oldest operating station in the city, has seen significant progress in recent weeks.

Crews have been working hard on getting the foundation poured and beams installed, creating the beginning of the new structure. The project is anticipated to be completed by early November. The new station will house Engine 16 and Truck 14, along with six firefighters.



Peoria Fire Department – New Executive Chief Officer Training

Division Chief of Training Roland Tenley, Battalion Chief Mike Ralston, and Battalion Chief Tom Stimeling recently attended the National Fire Academy's New Executive Chief Officer Program. This intensive, six-day course is designed to develop the managerial, administrative, and leadership skills essential for first-time Executive Chief Officers and those aspiring to lead within their agencies. The curriculum focused on leadership, political acumen, strategic planning, risk management, financial oversight, human resources, and community engagement. Their participation reflects a continued commitment to professional development and excellence in leadership within the fire service.



Peoria Fire Department Battalion Chief Jeff Hascall to Retire on July 8

After 28 years of service, Peoria Fire Department Battalion Chief Jeff Hascall is retiring.

On July 8, the Peoria Fire Department will host a retirement ceremony and a badge pinning ceremony at 10 a.m. at Fire Central. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards as the department wishes Battalion Chief Hascall the best in his next chapter.



Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project Update

Sidewalk work continues to progress at several 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 Main Street and SW Jefferson Avenue, near 333 Main Street.
- The southeast corner of NE Jefferson Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard, near 318 Hamilton Boulevard.
- Along Fulton Plaza, at SW Jefferson Avenue, between 120 SW Jefferson Avenue and 331 Fulton Street. This work is nearing completion.
- The southeast corner of NE Jefferson Avenue and Fayette Street, near 200 NE Jefferson Avenue. This work is nearing completion.

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 Schools – Students Excel at National Speech & Debate Association Middle School National Tournament

I am thrilled to share some truly historic news that speaks not only to the excellence of our students and educators, but also to the unyielding spirit that defines our district.

For the first time ever, students from Peoria Public Schools District 150 competed in the National Speech & Debate Association’s (NSDA) Middle School National Tournament – one of the most



prestigious and competitive academic events in the country. Representing Title I schools, our six-student delegation stood out among thousands from across the United States, many coming from more affluent districts and private institutions.

And they didn't just compete – they excelled.

Led by Mariela Garcia-Alvarado and supported by Raul Ruano, Emily Trader, Niles Jones, and Jah Mulabama, our students achieved the following:

- National Champion in Humorous Interpretation – *Trewyn (5th grade)*
- 5th Place in Original Oratory – *Sterling*
- 5th Place in Declamation – *Sterling*
- Quarterfinalist in Storytelling – *Annie Jo Gordon*
- Octofinalist in Declamation – *Annie Jo Gordon*

Notably, our national champion from Trewyn is believed to be the first-ever fifth-grader to win a national title in NSDA history.

These victories are remarkable, but the real story lies in the perseverance behind them. Our students overcame academic struggles, personal loss, family challenges, and more—yet still rose to compete at the highest level. Their success reflects the strength of their voices, the dedication of their mentors, and the power of opportunity.

Please join me in celebrating this extraordinary team and the educators who guided them.

With gratitude,

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June 26, 2025

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 06/19/2025 – 06/25/2025

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	44
Development Center Permits Issued	51	1,217
Total Value of Development	\$1,747,641	\$139,286,503

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 1359-2025	3420 W Willow Knolls Dr	Commercial Alteration	Change of Occupancy – Unruh and Unes Wealth Management	4	JR
RES 1362-2025	2314 W Augusta Dr	New Residential	New Single Family Home	5	NM
COM 1371-2025	3315 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Int Alteration – White Box Tenant Space in Walmart	2	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 1391-2025	5001 N Big Hollow Rd	Permanent Sign	Freestanding Signs – Target	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
18-18-480-024	1823 S Lydia Ave	1	Quit Claim 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
18-05-204-003	1010 W Nebraska Ave	2	Private - Planned
18-04-231-012	1626 N New York Ave	3	Private - Planned
18-17-151-022	1827 W Garden St	1	City - 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
4125 N Sheridan Rd	Jersey Mike's Subs	Plans Approved	

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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>