



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



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

**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager 

**DATE:** July 31, 2025

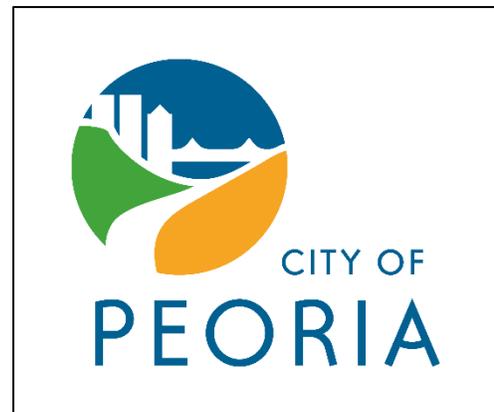
**SUBJECT:** Issues Update

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.

**City of Peoria Upgrading Parking Meters and Payment System**

The City of Peoria is upgrading its parking system, introducing new smart meter heads and transitioning all meters to a new payment platform operated by IPS Group. Installation of approximately 300 new meter heads will begin the week of August 4 in the downtown area.

While only a portion of meter heads will be replaced with smart meter heads, *all* parking meters citywide will switch from the current Passport platform to the new IPS system.



The **new** parking payment system will offer several convenient options:

- Coins
- Credit/debit cards, using text to pay
  - New smart meters will have a credit card slot for an additional payment option
- Contactless payments, including Apple Pay and Google Pay, using text to pay

Those using text to pay will receive a 10-minute expiration reminder and the option to extend time, when available. No app will be necessary with the new payment system.

To support a smooth transition, **payment collection will be waived at metered spaces from August 4 through August 11.** The city appreciates the public's patience during the installation process and looks forward to delivering a more reliable, and user-friendly parking experience.

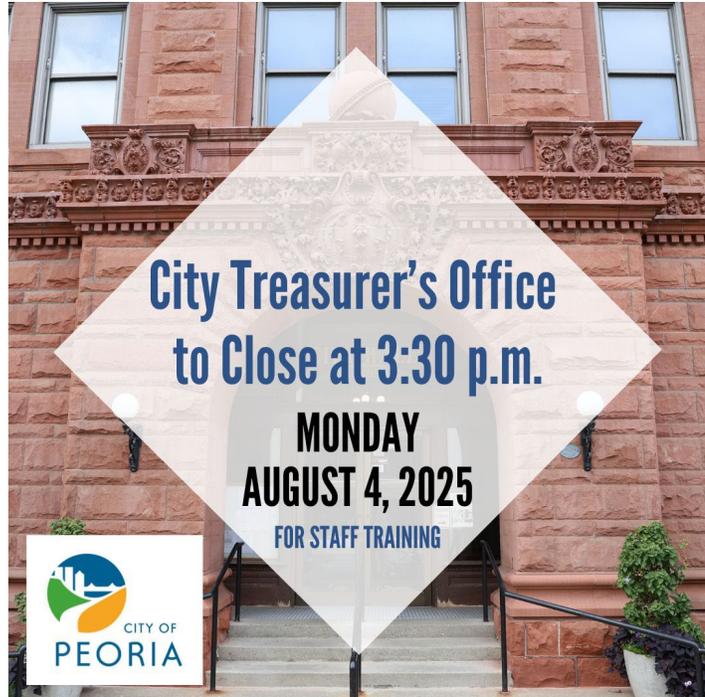
**City Treasurer's Office to Close at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 4**

Due to staff training, the City Treasurer's Office will close on Monday, August 4 at 3:30 p.m.

**Downtown Street Closures to Occur on Saturday, August 2, for St. Jude Run**

On Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting until 8 p.m., streets throughout the downtown area will be restricted due to the St. Jude Run, sponsored by the St. Jude Runners Association.

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



**Road Closures – 10 a.m.**

- S.W. Monroe Street will be closed between N. William Kumpf Boulevard and Main Street.

**Road Closures – Noon**

- Fulton Street will be closed between S.W. Monroe Street and S.W. Madison Avenue.



**Road Closures – 2 p.m.**

- W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue will be closed between N. Hightower Street and N. William Kumpf Boulevard.
- W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue will be closed between N. Hightower Street and N. William Kumpf Boulevard.

**Lane Closures – 2-5 p.m.**

- Intermittent rolling lane closures will occur on N. William Kumpf Boulevard.

**Road Closures – 5 p.m.**

- S.W. Monroe Street, Main Street, N.E. Jefferson Avenue, and Fulton Street will

be closed until 6 p.m. for the St. Jude Runners Parade.

### **Bob Michel Bridge Lane Closures – 5 p.m.**

- Intermittent rolling lane closures will occur on the Bob Michel Bridge.

### **Community Development – 2026 CDBG Public Services Application Opens on August 4**

The City of Peoria is accepting applications for 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding. Applications are open from Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 29, and are available to not-for-profit organizations, 501(c)3 agencies, and government agencies that provide programs to low and moderate-income persons.

The city of Peoria receives CDBG funding each year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Up to 15% of the city's total annual allocation may be awarded to local agencies providing public services to low and moderate-income persons. Organizations may submit one application for a maximum award of \$30,000.

### **Application Training**

A virtual application training session will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at 10 a.m. via GoToMeeting. A recording of the session will be available at the city's website on the [CDBG Public Services page](#).

Participants may join in two ways:

- **Online:** Visit [GoToMeeting](#) on your computer, smartphone, or tablet.
- **Phone:** Dial 1-872-240-3311 and enter the access code: 637-036-533

### **How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted online through the [CDBG Public Services page](#). The city of Peoria will accept applications for 2026 CDBG Public Services funding from **Monday, August 4 at 8 a.m. through Friday, August 29 at 2 p.m.**

Eligible applications will be reviewed by the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission. Funding recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for approval. A list of the selected sub-recipients will be available online at the city website under the [CDBG Public Services page](#).

For more information, please contact Community Development Director Joe Dulin [by email](#) or by calling 309-494-8631.

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

Sidewalk work is advancing at several locations 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 southeast corner of SW Jefferson Avenue and Liberty Street, near 244 SW Jefferson Avenue.
- The southwest corner of NE Jefferson Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard, near the Peoria County Courthouse.
- The northeast corner of NE Jefferson Avenue and Fayette Street, near 301 NE Jefferson Avenue.
- The southwest corner of Main Street and SW Jefferson Avenue, near 333 Main Street. 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 Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Event for Multicultural Dual Language Academy**

I am thrilled to reflect on a truly special and long-anticipated event held on July 29 – the ribbon-cutting for our Multicultural Dual Language Academy. This celebration marks a major milestone in a journey that began six years ago. What began as a vision has grown into a vibrant, inclusive program that continues to flourish.



The Multicultural Dual Language Academy began with a group of dedicated scholars who are now entering the sixth grade at Liberty Leadership Middle School. This program serves students from kindergarten through fourth grade, offering a unique learning environment where Spanish-speaking and English-speaking students learn side-by-side. Through this cultural and linguistic immersion, our

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goal is to develop bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural graduates who are prepared to lead in a global society.



We are proud of the collaboration, commitment, and passion that brought this program to life – and it’s only just beginning.

I’m also excited to share that we have another special grand opening just around the corner. On Tuesday, August 20, Peoria Public Schools will officially open The Glen Barton School, named in honor of Glen Barton, a proud Peorian, former Caterpillar executive, and lifelong advocate for education and community. This dedication will take place on what would have been Mr. Barton's 86th

birthday – he was born on August 20, 1939, and passed away in 2016. His legacy of leadership, generosity, and dedication continues to inspire our mission to serve every student with excellence.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we build brighter futures together. I look forward to an incredible 2025–26 school year filled with innovation, inclusion, and community pride.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharon Desmarquest'.

#### Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

# WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

## CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Date: 07/24/2025 – 07/30/2025**

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	50
Development Center Permits Issued	31	1,494
Total Value of Development	\$5,950,119	\$158,393,079

### 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 1671-2025	2001 N Knoxville Ave	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alteration – Fusion	2	KW
MULT 1682-2025	920 NE Glendale Ave	Multi-Family Alteration	Repair and Replace Porch and Deck	3	JR
MULT 1683-2025	611 E Ravine Ave	Multi-family Alteration	Repair and Replace Deck	3	JR
COM 1698-2025	3425 N University St	Commercial Alteration	Change of Occupancy – Planet Fitness	2	KW
FDTN 1708-2025	8266 N Pioneer Rd	Foundation Commercial	Foundation – Richards Building Supply	5	NM
COM 1709-2025	8266 N Pioneer Rd	New Commercial	Expansion – Richards Building Supply	5	NM

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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 1665-2025	7810 N State Route 91	Permanent Sign	Freestanding Sign – Bank of Farmington	4	JR
SIGN 1666-2025	2416 N University St	Permanent Sign	Awning/Canopy and Freestanding Sign – Shell	2	KW
RES 1711-2025	6613 W Stonebrook Dr	New Residential	New Single Family Home	4	JR
PZ 318-2025	4607 N Edgebrook Dr	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use – Short Term Rental	3	KW
SUBD 320-2025	9810 N Garden Ln	Subdivision	Standard Subdivision (Formerly SUBD 297-2025)	-	LA
HPC 326-2025	1212 W Moss Ave	Historic Preservation Commission	Certificate of Appropriateness – Roof Repair	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
-	-	-	-

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
-	-	-	-

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-354-010	1801 S Kneer Ave	1	City - Planned
18-08-460-025	430 S Charlton St	1	Private - 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
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<b>Community Development Department Contact Information</b> 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>Rich Storm (RS)</b> <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p>
<p><b>Josh Naven (JN)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p>	<p><b>Matt Ziller (MZ)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p>
<p><b>Kerilyn Weick (KW)</b> <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p>	<p><b>Craig Reid (CR)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p>
<p><b>Julia Rose (JR)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p>	<p><b>Issac Garcia (IG)</b> <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p>
<p><b>Nolan Meyer (NM)</b> <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p>	