



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: Aug. 28, 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 Offices Closed for Labor Day

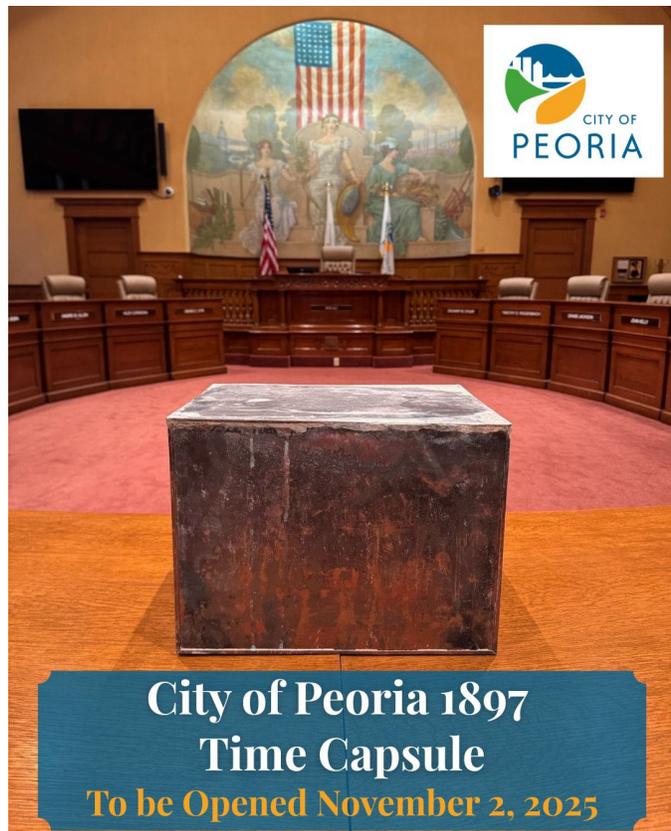
City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 2.

City of Peoria to Open Historic 1897 Time Capsule

The City of Peoria is excited to announce the upcoming opening of a time capsule that dates back to the construction of the building. The capsule was placed in the cornerstone on the northwest side of the building on November 2, 1897, and is believed to contain a variety of items from the community. It was recently removed while the façade of the building was being repaired.

According to a *Peoria Herald* article from 1897, the capsule may include a city directory, a copy of the city code, local newspapers, business cards, photographs, speeches from former mayors, and even a buckeye, among other historical treasures.

“Time capsules are more than just containers of artifacts—they are messages



from the past, created by the people who lived here more than a century ago,” said Mayor Rita Ali. “Because this capsule belongs to the people of Peoria, it is only fitting that our community comes together to witness its opening and reflect on how far we’ve come.”

The public is invited to witness the opening of the time capsule on **Sunday, November 2, at 2 p.m. at the Gateway Building, 200 NE Water Street**. The event will mark the 128th anniversary of its placement. A short program will precede the unveiling, featuring representatives from the Peoria Historical Society, Peoria Public Library Local History Collection, Bradley University Special Collections, and the Peoria Riverfront Museum. The capsule will be displayed on the first floor of **Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until the November 2 opening.

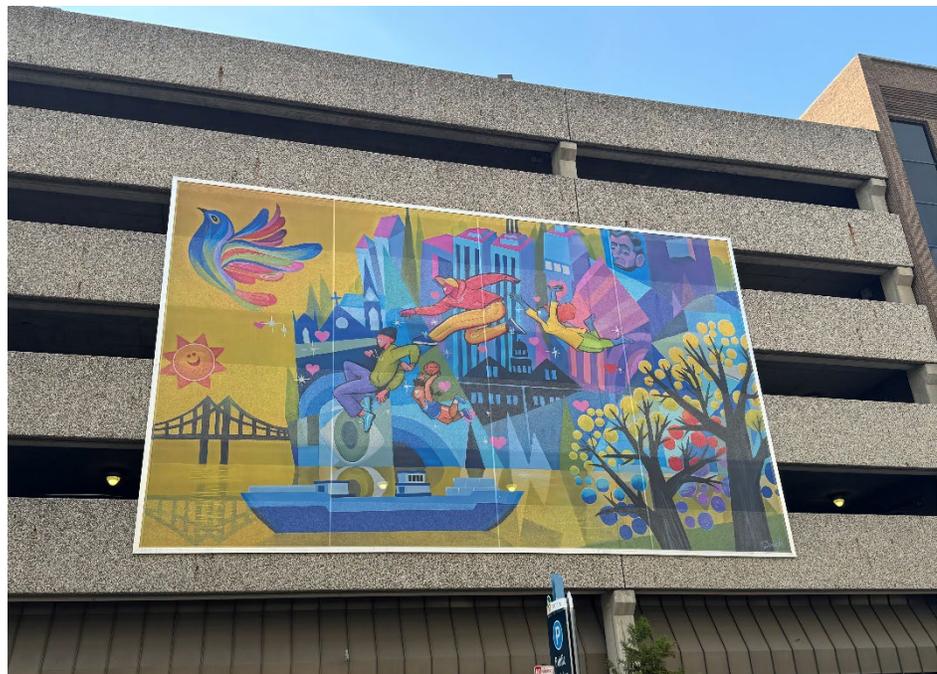
Time capsules hold a special place in preserving local history, offering future generations an authentic snapshot of community life, culture, and values from the past. They connect people across time, inspiring reflection on what has endured and what has changed.

The public is also encouraged to participate in the **2026 Time Capsule Project** by visiting Peoria City Hall to fill out a card sharing what they love about Peoria. These cards will be placed in a new time capsule to be sealed in City Hall in 2026.

City of Peoria & Big Picture Peoria to Dedicate New Mural

The City of Peoria and Big Picture Peoria will dedicate a new mural, titled “Play Greater,” on the Jefferson Parking deck on Friday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Distillery Labs, 201 SW Adams Street, in downtown Peoria.

The mural has been installed on the Adams Street side of the city-owned



Jefferson Parking Deck, located at 230 SW Adams Street. The project received final approval for a special use permit by the Peoria City Council on July 22 after a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and a review from the Public Arts Advisory Commission.

The mural was created by nationally recognized artist Bob Doucette, known for his work in animation, puppetry, painting, and sculpture. A graduate of Rhode Island School of Design and CalARTS, Doucette moved to Peoria from California in 2018, and he continues to show his work locally and globally.

Speakers at the dedication will include Peoria Mayor Rita Ali, Mark Misselhorn of the Big Picture Peoria board, Brian Ray, Regional President, Central Illinois, PNC Bank, Community Foundation of Central Illinois CEO Mark Roberts, and Gilmore Foundation President Laura Cullinan.

No Recycling, Yard Waste, or Trash Pick-Up on Labor Day

GFL will not collect recycling, yard waste, or trash on Monday, Sept. 1, due to Labor Day.

This affects all pick-up routes during this week. Pick-up will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week. For the rest of the week, please follow this schedule:

- If your collection day is Monday, pick-up will be delayed to Tuesday.
- If your collection day is Tuesday, pick-up will be delayed to Wednesday.
- If your collection day is Wednesday, pick-up will be delayed to Thursday.
- If your collection day is Thursday, pick-up will be delayed to Friday.
- If your collection day is Friday, pick-up will be delayed to Saturday.

Normal recycling, yard waste, and trash pick-up schedules will resume next week.

To avoid missing a collection, recycling, yard waste, and trash containers must be set out by 6 a.m. on your scheduled day. After pickup, move your containers from the curb or alley within 24 hours. Place them in your garage or alongside your house or garage. Please do not leave containers on the street or sidewalk.

Water Street to Close on Monday, September 1, for The Bridge to Bridge Run

On Monday, September 1, from 6:45 a.m. until 9 a.m., portions of S.W. Water Street will be closed for the Bridge to Bridge Run, sponsored by the Illinois Valley Striders.

S.W. Water Street through traffic should utilize S.W. Washington Street. Drivers should exercise caution along the race route. The use of alternative routes is advised.

Road Closures

- S.W. Water Street will be closed to all traffic between Liberty Street and Harrison Street.
- S. W. Water Street will be closed to all traffic between Commercial Street and Walnut Street.
- No through traffic will be allowed on Commercial Street from Harrison Street to S.W. Water Street.

401 Water Street Parking Deck

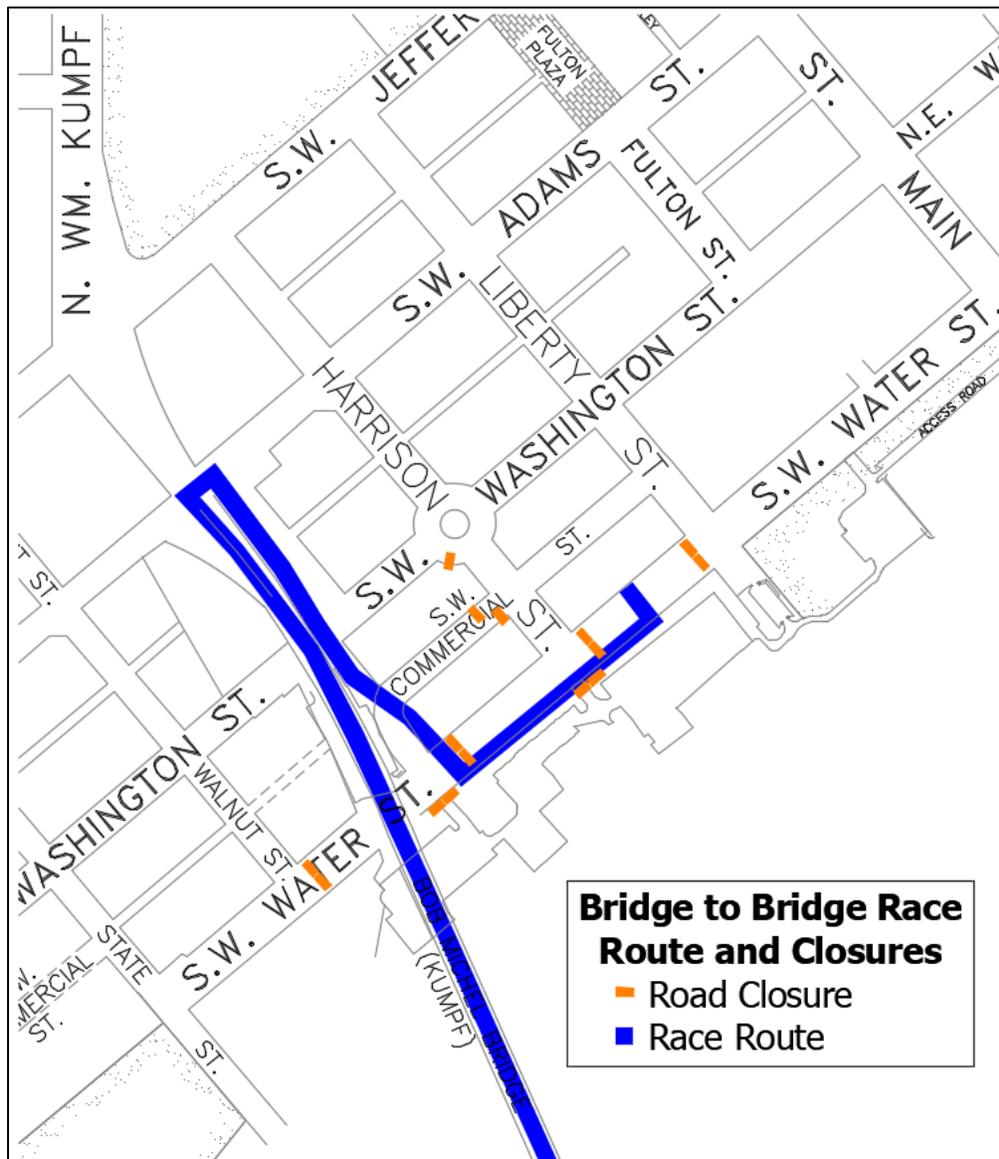
S.W. Water Street will be open between Harrison Street and Commercial Street for residents needing access to the parking deck. No through traffic will be permitted.

Riverfront Parking Lot Access

Access into the Liberty Street riverfront parking lot will be available from Liberty Street. Entry or exit from Harrison Street or Commercial Street will not be permitted.

Race Route

Runners will start in front of RC Outfitters on S.W. Water Street. Runners will run on the Rock Island Trail before crossing S.W. Water Street at Commercial Street. Runners will run north on the Rock Island Trail and cross S.W. Washington Street. Runners will continue north on the Rock Island Trail before entering onto the multi-use path on the Bob Michel Bridge.



Community Development – 2026 CDBG Public Services Application Open Until August 29

The City of Peoria is accepting applications for 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding. Applications are open from **Monday, August 4 at 8 a.m. through Friday, August 29 at 2 p.m.** 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 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.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online through the [CDBG Public Services page](#). 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 Fire Department – Station 16 Rebuild Update



Construction continues at Fire Station 16, and the crews have been making impressive strides on the new structure. The original station, which opened on October 28, 1967, was previously the oldest operating station in the city and was demolished in March.

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 Technical Rescue Team Partners with Illinois American Water for Training

The Peoria Fire Department Technical Rescue Team (TRT) recently partnered with Illinois American Water for a continued education opportunity in high angle, rappelling, and lowering devices to sharpen their technical rescue skills. The TRT team used water towers as locations for unique situations that would require specialized skills to complete a rescue. (Photo from training below on the left.)



Peoria Fire Department Dive Team Completes Annual Training with U.S. Coast Guard

On August 13, the Peoria Fire Department Dive Team completed an annual marine training exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard. The annual training provides firefighters with valuable information and educational experience on how to safely and efficiently operate water vessels on the Illinois River. The Peoria Fire Dive team consists of 18 members, including three instructors and two certified dive masters. (Photo from training above on the right.)

Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project Update

On Thursday, August 28, a lane closure will go into effect on S.W. Adams Street from Liberty Street through the intersection of Fulton Street. The far-right lane will be closed, and the closure is necessary for sidewalk repairs at the southwest corner of Fulton Street and S.W. Adams Street.

Sidewalk work continues at the following intersections:

- The southeast corner of S.W. Jefferson Avenue and Liberty Street, near 244 S.W. Jefferson Avenue.

- The northwest corner of Fayette Street and N.E. Jefferson Avenue, near 227 N.E. Jefferson Avenue.

Sidewalk removal work will begin soon at the following locations:

- The northwest corner of Hamilton Boulevard and N.E. Jefferson Avenue, near 125 N.E. 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 – City to Celebrate Wilbur and Effie Blake with Honorary Street Naming

An honorary street naming will be held at noon on Sunday, Aug. 31, at the intersection of N. New York Avenue and E. Cox Avenue to honor the late Mr. Wilbur and Mrs. Effie Blake.

The Blakes were pillars of their neighborhood, leading by example and inspiring generations through their unwavering commitment to education, faith, and community.

Mr. Blake created the first softball diamond on the Peoria Stadium grounds, which led to the establishment of the first African American softball teams in the area. He often provided neighborhood children with transportation to and from school when he wasn't working, ensuring that education remained a priority.

Mr. Blake was a charter member of Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and a 32nd-degree member of Henry Brown Masonic Lodge No. 22. He was also a member of the Kamar Temple 56 and Menelik Consistory 49.

Mrs. Blake was also deeply active in the church community. At the Peoria Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, she served as a head mother on the Mother's Board, sang in the choir, and contributed her talents to the cuisine committee. She was awarded “The Most Loyal Fan” Award by District 150 for her devotion to attending sporting events.

Together, the Blakes raised 12 children, nurtured more than 50 grandchildren, and helped guide countless children to educational success over the years.

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Aug. 28, 2025

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 08/21/2025 – 08/27/2025

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	55
Development Center Permits Issued	71	1,775
Total Value of Development	\$1,214,650	\$169,936,527

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 1951-2025 MULT 1952-2025 MULT 1953-2025 MULT 1954-2025 MULT 1955-2025 MULT 1956-2025 MULT 1957-2025 MULT 1958-2025 MULT 1959-2025	1700 W Hickory Grove Rd	Multi-Family Alterations	Ext. Alteration for Knoxville Pointe Apartments – Repairs to Apartment Balconies (Building 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D)	5	NM
COM 1994-2025	2900 NE Adams St	Commercial Addition	Fuel Canopy for Circle K	3	KW
COM 2025-2025	1624 N Knoxville Ave	Commercial Addition	Add kitchen to One Stop Convenience	3	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 1976-2025	8901 N Knoxville Ave	Permanent Sign	Wall and Freestanding Sign – Anytime Fitness	5	NM
RES 2021-2025	6417 W Ironwood Dr	New Residential	New Single Family Home	4	JR
SIGN 2037-2025	1614 N Knoxville Ave	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – American Kolache	3	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
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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
18-17-128-010	806 S Sumner St	1	City - Planned
14-28-277-023	3911 N Boulevard St	3	Private - Planned
18-08-252-013	1216 W Third Ave	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
8901 N Knoxville Ave	UFS at Northpoint	Plans Approved	5
831 SW Adams St	Analytical Brewing	Plans Received	1
3428 W Willow Knolls Dr	Sweet Spot Cakery	Plans Approved	4
2009 W Forrest Hill Ave	Forrest Hill Liquor	Plans Received	1

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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>