



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*

DATE: Oct. 16, 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 to Host Three Free, Family-Friendly Halloween Events

The city of Peoria is hosting three free, family-friendly trick-or-treat events in October: Trash-or-Treat, City Hall-O-Ween, and Trick-or-Treat PPD Halloween: A Night of Magic and Mischief.

Trash-Or-Treat: Saturday, October 18 | 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Join Community Development staff for a neighborhood litter cleanup and be rewarded with treats! Costumes are welcomed for this family-friendly event.

Meet Community Development staff at the corner of Main and University at Campustown, 1200 W. Main Street, Peoria, IL 61606. City staff will provide trash bags, gloves, and a limited supply of grabbers. Volunteers will be rewarded for their hard work with candy and other non-food treats.

City Hall-O-Ween: Friday, October 24 | 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Join us for the sixth annual City Hall-O-Ween. Everyone is welcome to join the fun at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

Trash OR Treat
Clean up the West Bluff and get a sweet reward

Saturday, October 18th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Campustown
1200 W Main Street
Corner of University and Main

Costumes are welcome!
This is a family-friendly event

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City Hall will be decorated and staff will hand out candy and food-free Halloween treats to attendees. This is a great opportunity to meet the people who provide service to the Peoria community every day and explore Peoria's historic City Hall.

For more information about Trash-Or-Treat and City Hall-O-Ween, please contact Joe Dulin, Community Development Director, at 309-494-8631 or [by email](#).

Trick-or-Treat PPD Halloween: A Night of Magic and Mischief: Friday, October 24 | 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a fun evening filled with tricks, treats, and a little Halloween magic. Costumes encouraged and fun is guaranteed at the Peoria Police Department, 600 SW Adams Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

For more information, please contact the Peoria Police Department at 309-673-4521.

Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives—Fire Officials Stress Importance of Having Them in Every Home



Please see this joint release from the Peoria Fire Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshal:



State and local fire safety officials gathered on Tuesday at the Peoria Civic Center to emphasize the lifesaving importance of working smoke alarms and to promote a free installation program available to Peoria residents. As part of the 2nd Annual Statewide Smoke Alarm Blitz, the Peoria Fire Department joins agencies across Illinois in ensuring more families are protected.

“Working smoke alarms save lives, and I cannot stress enough how vital they are in every home across Illinois,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal Michele Pankow. “Fires burn hotter and faster today than they did decades ago, giving families less than three minutes to escape safely. That’s why it’s critical to test, inspect, and replace broken or expired alarms, and don’t hesitate to reach out to your local fire department for help. Our ultimate goal is zero fire fatalities—and ensuring every home has working smoke alarms is one of the most important steps toward making that a reality.”



“The Peoria Fire Department would like to extend our gratitude to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Camp I Am Me by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance for their generous donations of smoke alarms over the years. These donated smoke alarms allow us to protect more homes, especially those most in need, by ensuring families have the early warning they need in the event of a fire,” said Peoria Fire Chief Shawn

Sollberger. “This continued support helps us keep Peoria residents safe and ultimately saves lives.”

According to the National Fire Protection Association, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (60 percent), while the majority of civilian home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

The Peoria Fire Department offers these key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on each level of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all broken or expired smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.

“The Be Alarmed! Smoke Alarm Installation Program aims to protect and educate residents across the entire state of Illinois while reducing residential fire deaths and injuries,” said Philip Zaleski, Executive Director of Camp I Am Me by Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. “The partnerships built between Camp I Am Me, the OSFM, and the more than 350 Illinois fire departments participating in this program have led to nearly 50,000 smoke alarms being distributed to protect residents – more than \$1.25 million worth of life-saving equipment. We are proud to highlight the Peoria Fire Department for not only their fire safety public education efforts in the community, but also for their efforts with Be Alarmed! as they have installed more than 900 alarms in 359 households since joining the program.”

In 2024, the Statewide Blitz once again demonstrated the impact of collaboration and community outreach. In just one week, 71 Illinois fire departments installed 2,351 smoke alarms in 743 homes across the state. Beyond providing this lifesaving protection, firefighters educated 1,670 residents on fire safety practices—helping families not only have working alarms but also the knowledge to respond quickly and safely in an emergency. The program also achieved a milestone with its first documented save in Greenville, where newly installed alarms alerted an elderly resident to danger and she was able to escape safely.

“Be Alarmed!” is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between Camp I Am Me (CIAM) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education while installing smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided at no cost as a result of funding from both the CIAM and OSFM.

To learn more about the program visit: <https://www.ifsa.org/prevention-resources/smoke-alarm/>.

Peoria Public Works – Jefferson/Adams Conversion Project Update

On Thursday, October 16 at 6 a.m., paving work began on the south side of Adams Street. Paving work will also be occurring on Hamilton Boulevard, Fulton Street, Liberty Street, and Harrison Street, weather permitting.

While paving is occurring, drivers can expect **DELAYS OF UP TO 30 MINUTES**. Drivers can expect delays while entering and exiting the One Technology Plaza Parking Garage.

THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IS STRONGLY ADVISED.

Lane Restrictions – Oct. 16-17

- The two far right lanes of Adams Street will be closed to **ALL TRAFFIC**. This closure extends from N. William Kumpf Boulevard to the Interstate 74 overpass.
- Periodic lane closures will occur on Hamilton Boulevard, Fulton Street, Liberty Street, and Harrison Street between Adams Street and Washington Street. Lane closures will change throughout the day.

Parking Restrictions – Oct. 16-17

- The south side parking lane on Adams Street from N. William Kumpf Boulevard to the Interstate 74 overpass will be closed.
- The parking lanes along both sides of Harrison Street will be closed.
- **NO ON-STREET PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED IN THESE AREAS. ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WHILE THE METERS ARE BAGGED.**
- **VEHICLES PARKED IN A RESTRICTED AREA WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING.**

Off-street parking is available at the Jefferson and Twin Towers parking decks. Lane closures and parking restrictions **WILL CHANGE DAILY**.

Traffic patterns will return to their current patterns once the resurfacing work has been completed. One-way traffic on Adams Street will remain in place until next year.

Daily updates will last through Friday, October 17. Updates will address where milling and paving work will occur next. Drivers should be mindful of workers in the area. Flaggers will be present at times to help guide traffic. An extreme amount of caution should be used in the area.

Peoria Public Works – City Honors Agatucci’s Legacy with Street Dedication Ahead of 100th Anniversary



On Wednesday, city leaders, family members, and longtime patrons gathered at Agatucci's for an honorary street naming ceremony that dedicated a portion of Gift Avenue at University Street as "Via Agatucci." The event honored the Agatucci family's nearly 100 years of continuous service to the Peoria community. Mayor Rita Ali and Second District Councilman Alex Carmona offered remarks recognizing the restaurant's enduring legacy as one of Peoria's oldest family-owned businesses. Members



of Agatucci's Fan Club also unveiled the restaurant's 100th anniversary logo, celebrating the beloved neighborhood institution's cultural and culinary impact ahead of its centennial in 2026.

Peoria Public Schools to Host Frightfully Fun Blood Drive on October 27

I'm thrilled to invite you to our **Frightfully Fun Blood Drive on Monday, October 27, from 2 p.m.– 6 p.m.** at the Peoria Public Schools Administrative Building. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and make a life-saving difference—right here at home.

Bring your generous spirit (and your veins), help spread the word, and join us for a blood drive with no tricks—just treats (and maybe a cookie or two for our generous ghouls).

Let's make an even bigger impact this year:

Last year, we collected 14 pints of blood—enough to help up to 42 patients. This year, we're aiming even higher with a goal of **30 pints!**

Why donate?

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood—whether it's accident victims, cancer patients, newborns, or others in critical need. Blood can't be manufactured; it can only come from generous donors like you. **Just one donation can save up to three lives.**

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration saves time.

Visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to pre-register and schedule your appointment. After you donate, stick around for the October Board of Education meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Together, let's give hope where it's needed most. See you there!

With gratitude,

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Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat, Ed.D.

Community Development Weekly Report

- See attached

WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

CITY OF PEORIA – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Date: 10/09/2025 – 10/15/2025

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	0	62
Development Center Permits Issued	44	2,194
Total Value of Development	\$1,337,352	\$202,994,040

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 2502-2025	1 Edmund St	New Commercial	CSO Controls – GPSD	1	JN
COM 2522-2025	800 SW Washington St	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alteration – 800 Oculus	1	JN
COM 2539-2025	218 N Western Ave	Commercial Alteration	Ext. Alteration - Sharkey's	1	JN
PZ 455-2025	1924 SW Adams St	Planning and Zoning Commission	Special Use request for Halfway House	1	JN

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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 2515-2025	8917 N Knoxville Ave	Permanent Sign	Wall Sign – UFS	5	NM
SIGN 2523-2025	1600 W War Memorial Dr	Permanent Sign	Canopy Sign – Uftring Montgomery Chevrolet	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
18-18-233-028	2001 W Antoinette St	1	Judicial Deed
18-08-352-004	428 S Western Ave	1	Judicial Deed
14-33-480-015	2008 N Indiana Ave	3	Judicial Deed
18-17-101-019	1824 W Lincoln Ave	1	Judicial Deed

Properties Transferred to New Owner			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Transferred Through
18-18-281-012	1916 W Marquette St	1	Side Lot Program
14-33-454-004	310 E Frye Ave	3	Side Lot Program

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-282-001	2022 W Garden St	1	Private - Planned
18-08-327-024	1537 W Smith St	1	Private - Planned
18-05-428-030	1209 N Sheridan Rd	2	City - 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
4201 SW Adams St	JB's Bar	Plans Received	2
7815 N Radnor Rd	Fairways @ GLC	Plans Received	5
4700 N University St	The Balanced Bee	Plans Approved	3
4201 SW Adams St	JB's Bar	Plans Approved	2

Community Development Department Contact Information Staff who are typically assigned to manage development applications.	
<p>Leah Allison (LA) <i>Asst. Director of Com. Dev.</i> 494-8667</p> <p>Josh Naven (JN) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8657</p> <p>Kerilyn Weick (KW) <i>Senior Urban Planner</i> 494-8606</p> <p>Julia Rose (JR) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8649</p> <p>Nolan Meyer (NM) <i>Urban Planner</i> 494-8612</p>	<p>Rich Storm (RS) <i>Building Safety Manager</i> 494-8632</p> <p>Matt Ziller (MZ) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8628</p> <p>Craig Reid (CR) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8925</p> <p>Issac Garcia (IG) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8921</p> <p>Julio Garcia (JG) <i>Building Inspector</i> 494-8638</p>