



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 

DATE: Jan. 29, 2026

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.

Community Development – Neighborhood Mini Grant Program Summary

The 2025 Neighborhood Mini Grant Program supported 64 neighborhoods across the city, investing \$180,897.65 in projects that addressed neighborhood priorities and strengthened connections among community members. Participation spanned all five City Council districts, with funded projects including neighborhood events, youth programming, signage, public art, beautification efforts, and improvements to shared or public spaces.

Participants were invited to complete a feedback survey to share their experience with the program. Responses reflected strong satisfaction with city support and highlighted positive outcomes such as increased neighbor engagement, stronger neighborhood relationships, improved neighborhood appearance, and enhanced shared spaces, demonstrating the program’s value in strengthening neighborhoods.



Community Development – Alley and Porch Light Program Summary

The Alley and Porch Light Program provided no-cost security lighting to homes in targeted neighborhoods to improve visibility and support safety. The program concluded in 2025, with lighting installations completed at 256 households in areas identified as having lighting and visibility needs. Funding for the program was provided through \$485,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Participants were invited to complete a feedback survey to share their experience with the program. Responses reflected strong satisfaction with city support and the installation process, with many residents reporting improved visibility and an increased sense of safety in and around

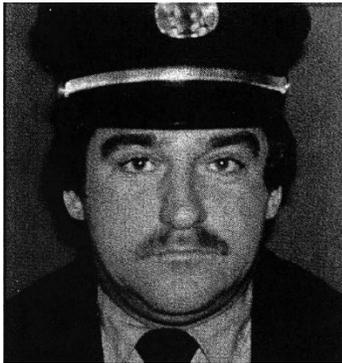
their homes. Overall, feedback demonstrates the program’s value in supporting neighborhood safety and improving conditions in areas where additional lighting was needed.

Peoria Fire Department Introduces New Fire Apprentice

Peoria Fire Department is proud to announce the newest member of the Fire Apprentice Program. Maddison Davis will join the program with the new academy class at the Vernon “Butch” Gudat Fire Training Academy on February 23. A 2019 graduate of Limestone Community High School, she previously worked for 309 Fitness. Davis is active in CrossFit, and she works with individuals living with Parkinson’s disease through Rock Steady Boxing. Davis also has a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Central College, and she is looking forward to joining the department.



Peoria Fire Department Holds Annual Ceremony for Fallen Firefighter



On Friday, January 23, Peoria Fire Department hosted an annual memorial for fallen firefighter Vernon “Butch” Gudat at Peoria Fire Central. Gudat, the last fallen firefighter in the department’s history, lost his life in the line of duty on January 23, 1983. Every year, the memorial brings together families, colleagues, and community members to remember the sacrifice, reflect on his service, and reaffirm a shared commitment to courage, duty, and public safety. Through solemn traditions and moments of remembrance, the event ensures that his legacy is never forgotten.

Peoria Police Department Hosts Grant Opportunity Workshop

On January 21, the Peoria Police Department hosted a Grant Opportunity Workshop at the Peoria Public Schools Administration Building. The workshop, which was sponsored by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, provided attendees with guidance on becoming grant-ready and improving accountability and transparency to access state funding opportunities.



Peoria Public Works – City Launches Public Survey to Shape New ADA Transition Plan

The city of Peoria is seeking community feedback as it updates its ADA Transition Plan. The goal of the plan is to build a safer, more accessible city for everyone, whether you walk, bike, drive, or use transit services.

Community members can help shape Peoria’s pedestrian future by taking an online survey or using an interactive map. The survey and map tools can be found at [Peoria ADA Transition Plan](#).

The city wants to know:

- Where are the current problem spots — sidewalks, ramps, or crossings — that make getting around difficult?
- What are your priorities: safety near schools, easier routes for seniors, or safer crossings?
- What improvements would make the most difference in your daily travel?

Survey responses will be collected until Monday, Feb. 9.

What is the ADA Transition Plan?

The ADA Transition Plan will help the city identify accessibility barriers within public rights-of-way, including sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, and pedestrian signals.

Under the plan, the city will:

- Identify existing physical barriers such as narrow sidewalks, missing curb ramps, or insufficient pedestrian crossings.
- Establish priorities to guide which improvements should happen first.
- Develop a schedule and budget for when work can be done.
- Track progress and update the plan over time based on needs, changes, and community feedback.

Peoria Public Schools – Parent and Guardian Class Registration Approval Reminder

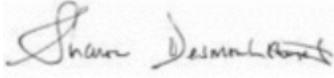
I hope this message finds you well as we continue working together to support our students’ academic success and enrichment opportunities. I would like to share an important reminder for our middle and high school families.

Middle and high school parents and guardians must approve their student’s class registration for the 2026–27 school year in the Schoolinks portal by January 30. Families can visit their school’s website and click the Schoolinks button or go to psd150.org/schoolinks for login links and directions on how to approve class selections in Schoolink’s Course Planner. Parents and guardians should log-in using the email address on file in Skyward. Taking this step ensures their student’s schedule is ready for the next school year. If assistance is needed, please contact the student’s school counselor.

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Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Peoria Public Schools. Together, we remain committed to helping every student grow, achieve, and thrive.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light gray 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: 01/22/2026 – 01/28/2026

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, and repair permits. New single-family residential construction, alteration/additions, and demolitions require reviews.
- 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	2
Development Center Permits Issued	59	161
Total Value of Development	\$3,064,937	\$6,019,398

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 inquires.

Plan/Permit #	Address	Type	Description	Council District	Planner Assigned
COM-000121-2026	1301 W Pioneer Pkwy	Commercial Alteration	Change of Occupancy – TEV Peoria Internation Market	5	JN
MULT-000117-2026	6809 N Frostwood Pkwy Unit: 53	Multi-Family Alteration	Ext. Alt. - Condo	4	JR
COM-000128-2026	2601 W Lake Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. – JD Sports	4	JR
COM-000136-2026	7600 N Academic Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. - Carle Health	4	JR
COM-000137-2026	114 W Forrest Hill Ave	Commercial Alteration	Roof Replacement - St. Paul Baptist Church	2	KW
COM-000119-2026	7601 N Harker Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. - Edge Counseling	5	JN
COM-000144-2026	7708 N Grand Prairie Dr	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. - Edward Jones	4	JR
COM-000146-2026	801 W Lake Ave	Commercial Alteration	Int. Alt. - Kroger	3	KW
HPC-000017-2026	1205 N Flora Ave	Certificate of Appropriateness	Roof Mounted Solar and Tree Removal	2	KW

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SUBD-000016-2026	205 N Kickapoo Ter	Subdivision Survey Plat	Sale to Adjacent to result in 2 parcels	1	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	Assigned
SIGN-000122-2026	7620 N University St	Permanent Sign	1 wall sign - Kid and Play	5	JN
RES-000123-2026	2512 W Arden Way	New Single Family Home	NSFD	5	JN
SIGN-000151-2026	5832 N Knoxville AVE Unit: Suite B	Permanent Sign	2 wall signs – Benjamin F. Edwards	5	JN

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, transfers properties to new owners when possible, and 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
-	-	-	-

Properties Demolished			
Parcel Number	Address	Council District	Ownership Type and Reason
18-18-182-023	2517 W Starr St	1	Private – Planned
18-08-356-019	1717 W Howett St	1	Private – Planned
18-17-108-024	915 S Warren 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
644 Park Ave	Hidden Manna Pantry	Plans Approved	3

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>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>