

52ND ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Thursday, July 4th
10:00 a.m. (rain or shine!)
Corner of Rohmann & Sterling

Volunteers Needed!
(Contact City Hall personnel)
(See additional parade information on
Page 3.)

Flag Raising & Awards Ceremony
Franciscan Park

See you at the Parade!



WEST PEORIA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INVITES YOU TO THE 23RD ANNUAL

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Tuesday, August 6
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

City Hall

Events include:
Bearcat Armored Vehicle
Firefighting Equipment Display
Boy Scout Troop #11, Face Painting
Hot Dogs, Sno Cones, and Gate Prizes

Sponsored By:
West Peoria Neighborhood Watch
City of West Peoria
West Peoria Fire Department
Peoria County Sheriff's Department

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW CITY HALL

The long-awaited moment finally arrived on May 14th as the City of West Peoria held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the initiation of construction for a new city hall. After over 20 years of planning, the city officials are pleased to see this project come to fruition.

The new city hall will serve as the hub of governance, administration, and community engagement for generations to come. This signifies a new chapter in the history of West Peoria, showcasing the city's commitment to progress and development.



Meeting and Event Dates

All event dates listed in this issue are subject to change. Check the City of West Peoria website, the West Peoria Community page on Facebook, or the Simplicity app.

Please note: All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
*Township Building, 2516 West Rohmann

June

Wednesday, June 5

Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

Seniors Afternoon 1:00 p.m.

July

Wednesday, July 3

Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Annual Parade 10:00 a.m.
City Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 9

City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10

Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17


Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23


Planning & Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Seniors Afternoon 1:00 p.m.



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The following information has been provided by Kinga Krider, West Peoria City Administrator. If you have any question regarding these topics or any other concerns, please contact City Hall, (309) 674-1993.

4th OF JULY PARADE INFO - Come be a part of the annual City of West Peoria's 4th of July Parade!

- Parade applications are still available, contact City Hall (674-1993)
- Volunteers are needed!
 - Block Captain - Ensure entries move along at a steady pace thru the parade
 - Sign-In - Assist participants with position location in parade. Distribute position number before the parade.

(The last two positions require assistance before the parade so you can still join your family and friends to enjoy the parade.)

- T-shirts are available! For sizes, pricing, and information on how to purchase, contact city hall.
- Children can participate in the Coloring Contest (included in newsletter)
- Grand Marshal Nominations - submit a brief letter recommending your nominee to Mayor Dillon at City Hall. The Grand Marshal is a person who has had an impact on the community through social work, public service or volunteer work. Deadline is June 16th.
- Flag Raising Ceremony is held immediately after the parade in Franciscan Park. Winners from the parade will be announced.

HOLIDAY FIREWORKS

The City has adopted a new ordinance regarding Fireworks. On the 4th of July, residents are permitted to use legally recognized fireworks between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. For more information, look at City Code Section 4-7 for all the new rules and regulations. Access the City Code Book via the City website.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER - We extend a warm welcome to Marlene Carter, our newest Planning & Zoning Committee member! We are looking forward to working with you!

HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS - A friendly reminder from the City... with warmer weather comes an abundance of new growth. Please be sure grass and weeds are kept mowed or trimmed, especially between the curb and sidewalk, as well as the alley line and behind fences and garages. Any vegetation over 9" high violates the City Code. Please do not blow leaves or grass clippings into the street. This landscape waste can be dangerous and sometimes fatal for pedestrians, bikes or vehicles. Also, it causes storm sewers to back up, which could damage streets and sidewalks.

WASTE MANAGEMENT - Our garbage collection service will pick up bulk items (i.e. furniture, carpet, appliances, etc.) FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. Please contact them PRIOR to putting bulk items curbside (309-692-6246) or visit their website: www.wm.com.

City of West Peoria Resource Information

City Hall

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Phone: 309-674-1993

Email: office@cityofwestpeoria.com

Mayor James R. Dillon

mayor@cityofwestpeoria.com

City Administrator Kinga Krider

administrator@cityofwestpeoria.com

City Clerk Margie Barnes

city_clerk@cityofwestpeoria.com

Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer Roma Wallace

code-zoning@cityofwestpeoria.com

City News

GRANTS - The City Grants are available to all West Peoria residents for projects started on or after May 1st, 2024. Projects started before May 1st WILL NOT be eligible. Please Note: NO CASH PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Residential Grants: Exterior home improvements, excluding landscaping or fences.

- Redevelopment Grant (RDG) Program - Reimbursement of 50%, up to a maximum of \$1,000 of eligible costs. Properties not located in TIF district.
IF you are in the TIF district, you will have received a postcard in the mail.
- Redevelopment Grant Program (TIF) District 1 - Grant awards will not exceed 75% of the verified cost of the project, up to \$1,000. TIF residents only.

Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant - Reimbursement of up to 75% of costs, not exceeding \$300 to install outdoor security camera(s) with recording capabilities.

Paint Program - Receive 75% reimbursement of paint costs up to a maximum of \$250 for EXTERIOR PAINTING of your home and/or accessory structures.

DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION! - It is unlawful for any person or organization to solicit any goods or services by going door-to-door within the City of West Peoria.

Please note that the City will post any approved applications on the website to notify the residents. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about the approved organization or person, please email the City Administrator at: administrator@cityofwestpeoria.com. We take those complaints seriously and will do our best to keep West Peoria a community where you want to live.

HORSESHOE BOTTOMS

By: Dave Pittman

A wet Spring brought lots of plant growth this summer and plenty of reasons to enjoy the outdoors, when it's dry.

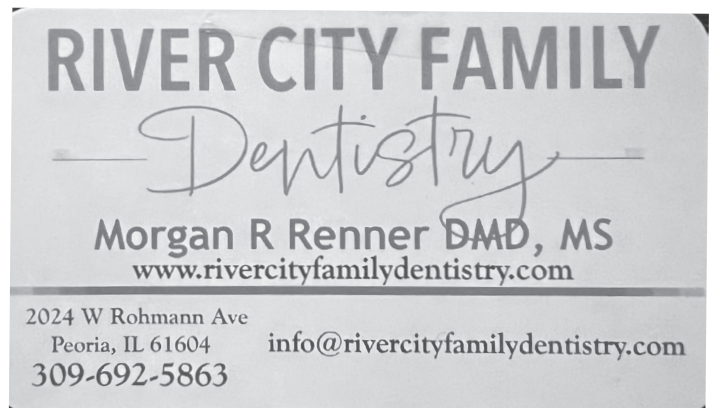
Horseshoe Bottoms hikes and restoration workdays are held June 1, July 6, and August 3 and begin at 9:00 a.m. at the far west end of St. Mary's Cemetery on Sterling.

Rocky Glen Park workdays will be June 2, July 7, and August 4. Volunteers meet at Rocky Glen parking lot at 9:00 a.m., for 2-3 hours work. Please call Dave Pittman to confirm in case of bad weather.

A special 'thanks' to everyone who helped make our plant sale at Haddad's such a great success!

On August 9th, 10th, and 11th, we will again sponsor the Kickapoo Creek Festival at Wildlife Prairie Park. It will be three days of camping, music, workshops, vendors and education about the Kickapoo Creek watershed. It's free and open to everyone!

FORG is a volunteer non-profit with a goal of promoting the health of the Kickapoo Creek watershed. Our educational programs include work with the Peoria Public Schools, private schools, churches, and other non-profit groups. Volunteers are always welcome. Check out our facebook or website: www.friendsofrockyglen.org.



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WALK THE WARDS



Supplied with gloves and trash bags, volunteers were ready to walk the streets and pick up trash for the first "Walk the Wards" clean up effort of the year !

SAVE THE DATE! 5th ANNUAL WEST PEORIA GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, October 12, 2024

All proceeds to the West Peoria
Fire Department

For more details, go to website:
golfeventsguy.com

(If you would like to be a part of the
planning committee for this annual
event, contact:

Zak Edmonds - 309-303-3882)

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



Residents gathered for the annual Memorial Day service on May 25th to pay tribute to the veterans who gave their life in service to our country.

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WEST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

By: Fire Chief Terry Schadt

We would like to thank the citizens of West Peoria for voting in April to help us keep the ambulance and fire department. As the West Peoria Fire Department strives to continue to meet the ongoing needs of the West Peoria community, I would like to share the overall statistics of 2023 and the calls received as of April, 2024.

For the year 2023, a total of 781 calls were made: 21 fire calls, 546 EMS calls, 26 false fire alarms, 19 hazardous materials alarms, 3 weather related calls, 108 good intent calls (calls cancelled enroute, wrong address, nothing found), and 58 service calls (unauthorized burning, public service, assist police). Mutual aid was given 30 times to other departments and West Peoria received mutual aid on 39 occasions.

As of April 30, 2024, there have been a total of 266 calls: 18 fire calls, 188 EMS calls, 10 false fire alarms, 3 hazardous materials alarms, 39 good intent calls, and 8 service calls. Mutual aid has been given 16 times to other departments and West Peoria has received mutual aid 14 times.

Congratulations to Paige Belzer for being recognized as the Firefighter of the Year and to Kacper Soja as the EMT of the year!

Sandwich Days are back and are scheduled for: June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st and October 19th!

Also, mark your calendars! Family Day is coming on Sunday, September 15th, Noon - 3:00 p.m. at the Fire House! Lots of fun for the entire family!

The West Peoria Fire Department takes great pride in serving the residents of West Peoria. Volunteers for the fire department and ambulance service are always needed! For further information or questions, contact Chief Schadt at the Fire House, 309-674-6615.

SENIORS AFTERNOON AT CITY HALL

Calling all our amazing seniors!

Join us for a special afternoon event at West Peoria City Hall. We'll have refreshments and good company on:

- Thursday, June 27th at 1:00 p.m. We'll be spreading some pre-holiday cheer by packing bags of candy for the 4th of July parade!
- Thursday, July 25th at 1:00 p.m. Get ready for some fun and friendly competition! We'll be hosting a classic game of bingo.

These senior afternoons are a great way to meet up with friends, have some laughs, and get involved in the community. See you there, neighbors!

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NEWS FROM THE PEORIA REGIONAL LEARNING CENTER

By: Teresa VonRohr, Principal

PRLC held its spring graduation ceremony on May 15, 2024. We celebrated four seniors from Limestone, Richwoods and Farmington. These students met their home high school graduation requirements and will receive their diploma from them as well. Their determination and willingness to keep moving forward set them up for success. Congratulations to the Class of 2024.



Check out our new look for PRLC, Peoria Regional Learning Center. We have rebranded and established a campaign to help Peoria County high school students who may not feel successful in their home high school. We are currently enrolling for the fall semester. Experience High School in a Brand New Way with PRLC! Learn more at our website: www.peoriaregional.com!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: Maggie Moore & April Silver, Co-Coordiators

Stay Connected and Have Fun!

The West Peoria Neighborhood Watch is here to keep you informed and engaged in our community. Here's what's on tap for the next few months:

Mark your calendars! Our next Neighborhood Watch meetings are on Wednesday, June 12th and Wednesday, July 10th, both starting at 6:00 p.m.

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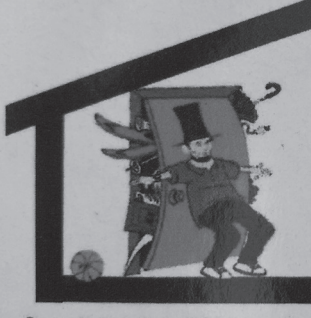
SUMMER PLANS FOR GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club members are enjoying the summer months planning garden walks to various sites. For questions or additional information, please contact Donna Schwab, President, 309-256-8233.



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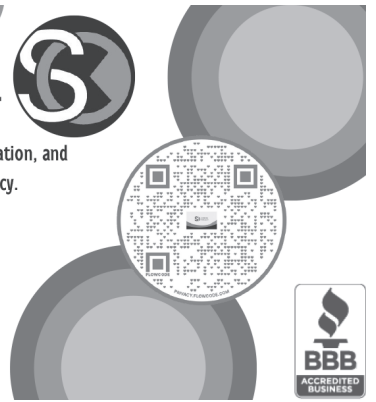
Proper lighting is a known deterrent to residential burglary. To assist in that endeavor, residents are reminded a rebate is offered for residents meeting the required eligibility requirements for the installation of a post light in the front yard of a residence.

For questions or further information, please contact John Walker, President of the West Peoria Lighting District, (309)453-1490.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sharon L. McBride

Date of Death: March 23, 2024

Through the years, her community involvement included:

Cub Scout Pack 11 &
Boy Scout Troop 11

West Peoria 4th of July Parade and
Flag Raising Ceremony
West Peoria Veterans Memorial
Ceremony

West Peoria columnist for
Community Word Newspaper
Member of Planning & Zoning
Committee

Member of CityLink Transit Board
Former West Peoria Township Trustee

BOY SCOUT TROOP 11 UPDATE



Members of Boy Scout Troop II recently held a troop Court of Honor. Amidst family and friends, each scout explained their individual responsibilities within the troop and received awards for merit badge efforts.

ALPHA PARK LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for summertime activities? Alpha Park Public Library has a variety of summer classes and programs available for young and old alike! Stop by City Hall and pick up their Summer Program Guide and check out all the information!

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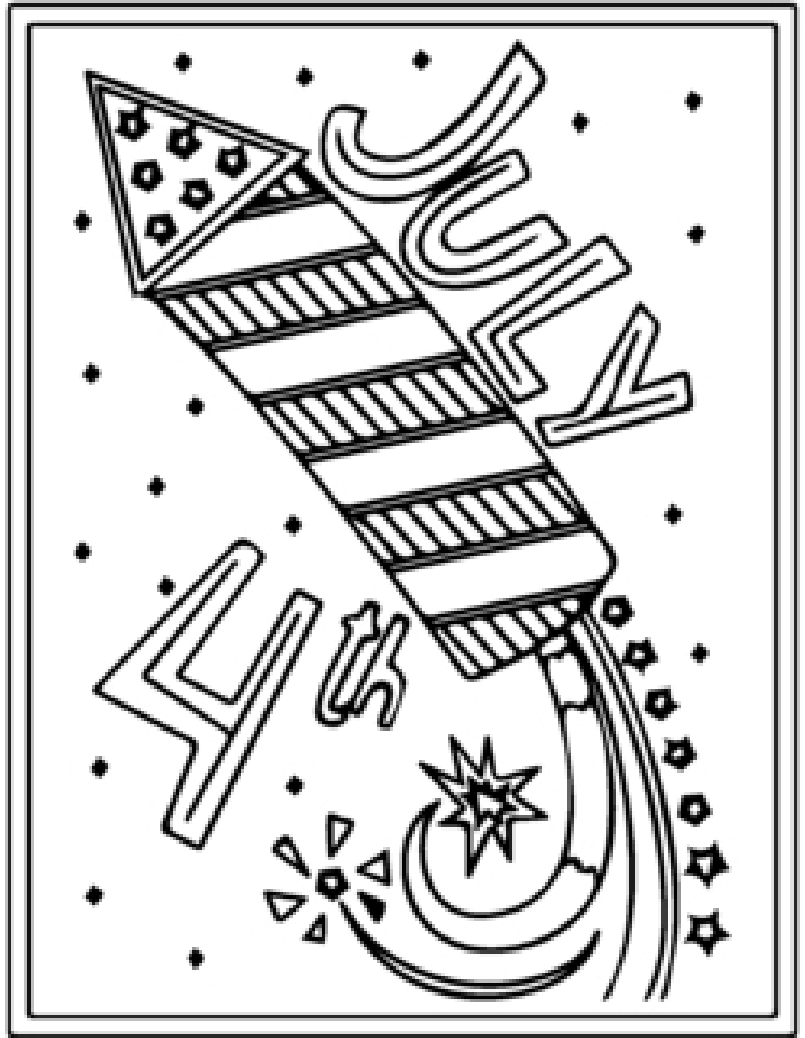
The West Peoria Residents Association is sponsoring a 4th of July coloring contest for children under the age of 10. Entries may be dropped at City Hall anytime before July 4th. Prizes will be awarded.

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CLEAN UP DAY SUCCESS

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