

DDC ACTIVITIES

Opportunity Zone Funds

On August 1st, the DDC hosted a visit for Justin Rostoff, an attorney with the law firm of Klein Slowik, PLLC in New York City. Justin, having ties to Peoria, is interested in growth opportunities in the downtown and is working with developers to provide and channel Opportunity Zone Funds to new projects in Peoria's revitalization efforts. During his visit, Justin met with several DDC board members, local developers, and city officials to learn about all aspects of development, including challenges, such as parking, as well as opportunities and available incentives. He gave a presentation to the DDC board on how Opportunity Zone Funds can provide financial assistance to developers to help them with redevelopment.

DDC BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



Robert G. Anderson

Robert G. Anderson is President of OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center and serves on the DDC board representing OSF HealthCare as a founding member. Bob brings a good perspective from the medical district to the DDC board and is looking forward to the headquarters for OSF HealthCare moving downtown to the Central Business District. He puts his people skills to use as chairman of the DDC Nominating Committee, ensuring that we attract and retain a good mix of expertise from many different industry sectors working together to enhance downtown offerings.

Bob joined OSF HealthCare in 1981 as a Medical Technologist in the Laboratory at OSF Saint Francis. Bob held various positions in the laboratory, becoming Director of Laboratory Services in 1987 and Corporate Director of Laboratories for OSF HealthCare in 1998. In 2005, Bob moved to Administration as the Vice President of Technical and Support services. Bob became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in 2011 and accepted the role of President of the medical center in November 2017.

A graduate of Eureka College, Bob obtained his master's degree in Health Services Administration from the College of Saint Francis in Joliet, Illinois, in 1995. In 2012, he earned his Fellow credential in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

A lifelong Central Illinois resident, Bob was named to 40 Leaders Under 40 in Peoria, and he has served on the boards of a number of Peoria non-profit organizations including Family House, Heart of Illinois United Way, Peoria Hospitals Mobile Medical Services, and Central Illinois American Red Cross.

When asked about his involvement with the DDC, Bob had this to say: **"The DDC has been instrumental in so many positive things going on in the downtown that it is hard to choose just one, but if I had to it would be the increase in housing opportunities downtown. The DDC supports this important work in many ways, from working with developers to ensure they are aware of the financial supports for this redevelopment work, to partnering with the City to ensure that parking is available to support both housing and retail needs. The energy and vitality in the Warehouse District is exciting, and I am proud to serve on the board of the corporation that supports this work!"**

Bob said that his vision is for downtown Peoria to become a hub of residential, commercial and entertainment venues that attract people from within our community and beyond to experience all the special things Peoria has to offer. **"As one of the area's largest employers, our leadership team at OSF HealthCare is excited about our move to Downtown, where we can take advantage of all that is offered. We are happy to provide an influx of several hundred new workers to the Downtown, knowing this will spur continued growth and development. So much is happening right now that is taking us in the right direction—new commercial businesses, growth in great places to eat, families living downtown, the riverfront with its walkways and park as well as the museum and entertainment venues—all combine to make it an exciting time to be in Peoria!"**

Per the DDC bylaws, in making appointments to the Board, consideration is given to the needs of the Corporation, the potential appointee's experience, background and interest in the Corporation and economic development matters, and the benefits to the Corporation to be derived from the service of the appointee. No person who has a sustained conflict of interest between his own responsibilities and interest and those of the Corporation (e.g. being a developer in the downtown or rental property owner) shall be appointed to or remain on the Board of Directors. In addition to other appropriate qualifications, all persons appointed to the Board of Directors shall possess high civic ideals and shall vigorously represent the entity or district from which they have been selected. For more information about the DDC and its Board of Directors, visit our web site at <https://www.downtownpeoria.us/>.

Fundraising 2019

As a nonprofit organization, we know that we could not have accomplished the many successes we have seen in Downtown Peoria without the support of our faithful contributors. Many of you have received fundraising letters asking for your help in continuing the growth that we are experiencing in the downtown.

Exciting things are happening and you, as a DDC investor, can lay claim to the renaissance explosion! If you have not contributed in the past but would like to learn more about becoming a contributor, please contact us at info@downtownpeoria.us. For a comprehensive review of our accomplishments and ongoing development, visit our web site at: <https://www.downtownpeoria.us>.

Downtown Peoria Development Tour on August 22!



In conjunction with our 2019 fundraising efforts, we are offering our investors, community leaders, and interested parties an exclusive tour of the downtown, highlighting new development projects and new businesses that have opened recently or will open within the next 12 months.

The tour will be held on Thursday, August 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and will begin at Dozer Park. From there we will make a loop around Downtown Peoria on a Peoria Charter Coach bus and end back at the ballpark. Light refreshments will be available.

At the end of the tour, local media will join us for a special announcement that you won't want to miss!

Seating is limited and the bus is filling up, so please RSVP to: info@downtownpeoria.us

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

New Development

Warehouse District Development

Big things are about to happen that you won't want to miss! Get in on the action by becoming a DDC contributor and/or a new developer. Our newly published marketing brochure outlines the many benefits and amenities that are available downtown, and many incentives are available to help with development projects. To learn more about development opportunities in downtown Peoria, contact Michael Freiling at (309) 369-6038 or michael@downtownpeoria.us and join the revitalization efforts underway.

PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT:



For Lease: Loft/Retail Space

316 SW Washington Street, Peoria

- 5,055 sq. ft. of creative loft space at the MAXAM building
- Space is wide open currently and set up with 2,550 sq. ft. on the first floor with an additional 2,505 sq. ft. on the mezzanine
- Exposed brick and timber, hardwood floors and abundant natural light from a large window
- Sprinkler system throughout. Tenant improvements available
- Restriction on any bar/restaurant use. Lobby entrance as well as an off-street entrance.
- Located in the heart of the Warehouse District and adjacent to the Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar visitor center.
- Lobby entrance as well as an off-street entrance

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PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT:



For Lease – Waterfront Place

311 SW Water Street, Peoria

- Renovated four-story loft building on Water Street.
- Running Central located on the 1st floor.
- 2nd floor = office space | Floors 3 & 4 = residential lofts.
- Office suite available on the second floor, 631 sq. ft.
- Tenant controlled HVAC.
- Adjacent to Peoria Riverfront Museum & Caterpillar Visitors Center.
- Exposed brick and timber with high ceilings.
- Free 2-hour parking across the street.

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New Business

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House is one of the most amazing new developments happening right now in downtown Peoria. Their collaboration with Farnsworth Group, located downtown Peoria, is creating a beautiful, unique space for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care in our local state-of-the-art medical facilities, OSF Healthcare and UnityPoint Health. There are so many ways for you to get involved and to be part of this story! To volunteer, donate, participate in fundraising events, or to keep up with their daily progress, visit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Facebook page or visit their web site at <https://rmhc-centralillinois.org/>.

Black Band Distillery

Watch, wait, whiskey! The owners of Black Band Distillery have been working very hard to cultivate the most authentic experience possible for Peoria, and they hope you will like their vision. They are anxious to invite you in and let you experience it for yourselves! Coming soon to 1000 SW Adams Street is a whiskey experience you won't want to miss. We will provide details on their progress and opening date in the near future!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:



OSF HealthCare

If you are looking for a career in health care, you may want to consider joining OSF HealthCare, and enjoy living and working in downtown Peoria. OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare employs nearly 21,000 Mission Partners in 124 locations, including 13 hospitals with 1,874 licensed acute care beds, 18 urgent care locations, 11 centers for health, and 2 colleges of nursing throughout Illinois and Michigan. The OSF HealthCare physician network employs 1,300 primary care, specialist and advanced practice providers.

OSF HealthCare, through OSF Home Care Services, operates an extensive network of home health services, including six home health agencies and five hospice programs. It also owns OSF Saint Francis, Inc., composed of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization; and OSF Ventures, which provides investment capital for promising health care innovation startups. The Ministry Services office in Peoria provides corporate management services, as well as direction, consultation and assistance to the administration of the health care facilities. To find out more about OSF HealthCare or to become part of their team, visit their web site at <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/>.

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

Peoria Riverfront Market

Every Saturday morning, 8 am-noon; now through Sep. 28, 2019, along Peoria's beautiful riverfront, in the 200 block of SW Water Street. Local producers are hitting the heart of market season with an abundance of fresh produce... green beans, tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, carrots, and the first sweet corn of the summer! Plus delicious goodies popcorn, coffee, pretzels and a great assortment of local arts & crafts, music and dance. Kick off the morning with 7:45 am yoga with Soulside Healing Arts, and then go to market! For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.visitdowntown-peoria.com/peoria-riverfront-market> or find them on Facebook.

Ignite Peoria!



On August 10, bring your family and spark your creativity at Ignite Peoria, 9 am – 5 pm at the Peoria Civic Center. Admission is free! Brought to you by River City Labs, Midwest MakerFest brings science, technology, and art together. Take advantage of the creation stations, performance stages, and workshops with local artists. Follow your arts to Ignite Peoria! For more information, visit Artspartners.net.

Don't miss Cruisin' for Peoria Ronald McDonald House!

Enjoy some family fun on a riverboat cruise while helping support the new Peoria Ronald McDonald House® on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, on the Spirit of Peoria riverboat! This event will include live music from BrazILionaires. The BrazILionaires' music is an exciting blend of pop & jazz infused with sizzling Latin rhythms. A meal is included for a wonderful time for all on the water! Tickets are \$50 each. This event is limited to 200 guests – so purchase your ticket today. Questions? Call (309) 401-2525.

Art Gala for Peoria Ronald McDonald House



Your art has the power to heal. RMHCCI will host its first Art Gala on November 2, 2019. We invite all to join in (and maybe consider donating a piece) to help make this House our home. So, if you're an artist within 200 miles of Peoria, please consider submitting a piece for consideration. Art will be displayed for families of newborns to teenagers, so content should be appropriate for those ages. The entry deadline for art donations is August 23, so act now!

Music, music, music!

Take in the local music scene in downtown Peoria. From Thursday evening jazz concerts on the riverfront to street parties on Water Street to live entertainment in local pubs, breweries, and restaurants, you will find exactly what you like! For a calendar of events, visit our web site at <https://www.downtownpeoria.us/play> or take a stroll downtown in the evening and let the music lead you!

Social media

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn! In addition to our web site, make sure you follow The Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria (DDC) on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The DDC is your go-to spot for up-to-date development and activities in downtown Peoria. Our goal is to keep you informed. Let us know how we are doing!

RECOGNITION

OSF HealthCare Marketing Team

The DDC would like to give special recognition to the marketing team at OSF HealthCare for their guidance on our new marketing brochure. With their assistance and collaboration on the brochure, we have a modern, streamlined look that we are excited to offer to potential downtown developers. You can see their work and that of our very own in-house graphic artist, Angie Walker, on the Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria web site.

Thank you, OSF Marketing Team! Great teamwork!

UnityPoint Health Recognition

UnityPoint Health has announced Magnet recognition for Methodist and Proctor by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The Magnet Recognition Program is the highest national honor for professional nursing practice. It is the fourth such recognition for Methodist Medical Center and the first for Proctor Hospital. **“Magnet excellence is about nursing,”** said Jeanine Spain, Chief Operating Officer for UnityPoint Health-Central Illinois. **“It’s nursing’s commitment to quality and safety and providing the best care possible at the bedside.”** The ANCC’s evaluation process covers aspects in nurse practices, research and measuring patient outcomes. The process includes patient care documentation and on-site visits. **“This really does confirm just what I’ve always known. Nursing excellence exists in our hospitals,”** Spain said. **“Our nurses are champions of excellence who show our patients how much they matter through compassionate outstanding care,”** said Dr. Keith Knepp, Regional CEO for UnityPoint Health-Central Illinois. **“I’m excited and proud of their global recognition in nursing quality.”**

Congratulations, UnityPoint Health!

