



DOWNTOWN PEORIA

NEWSLETTER

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DDC Activities

Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Ribbon Cutting



Last month, DDC staff and board members attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at this iconic, downtown hotel, hosted by the new owners, Shreem Capital, an investment firm out of Texas. They purchased the properties at 533 Main Street and 501 Main Street in downtown Peoria for \$18.5 million, and the attached parking garage was purchased for \$1.5 million. We are excited about this revitalization and are hopeful that this long-standing premiere property in the heart of the city will continue to serve our community well. Many great memories are made here in the grand ballroom, which has served decades of revelers. Welcome, Shreem Capital to downtown Peoria!

Development



The DDC has been actively assisting developers and prospective new developers with ongoing projects and new projects in the downtown, especially in the Warehouse District. Developers continually seek out the expertise of the DDC when weighing their options on large commercial and residential projects. Keep your eyes on the Warehouse District, most specifically SW Adams Street and SW Washington Street as the development and completion of Adams & Oak and Adams Street Center in the 800 block of SW Adams Street and The Lofts at 812 SW Washington Street plan to open both commercial and residential spaces in the coming year. We are growing Peoria one warehouse at a time!

Contributor Spotlight

We are pleased to announce three new DDC sponsors! Thank you to all for your generous support. With your sponsorship, you become an integral partner in the redevelopment of downtown Peoria. Welcome!

Saddle Up!



Saddle Up Night Club is located at 116 SW Jefferson Avenue. This rockin' place is a country-themed 4 a.m. bar in the heart of the downtown. If you are up for some late night dancing and fun, check out Saddle Up. They pump up the holidays with special parties and throw in an occasional Latin night as well. Follow them on Facebook for information on their upcoming special event nights.

Club Diesel



Another late-night venue is Club Diesel located at 629 Main Street. It is one of the longest running bars in the Central Business District, open seven nights a week, 10 p.m. – 4 a.m.

If you are looking for covert and colorful, Diesel is your place! Their Facebook page provides an entertaining look at what they have to offer.

Neon Bison



Last but certainly not least is the Neon Bison currently located at 514 Main Street. The Former Judge's Chamber, now The Neon Bison, is the longest running bar in downtown Peoria.

In August of 2019 when the local owners bought the bar, they were one of the first to take the leap into reinvesting and reimagining greatness in the downtown area and Main Street!

If you like Neon Bison now, just wait until you see what's coming in spring 2024! They will be moving up the street to 617 Main Street. The new space will feature state-of-the-art designs, a full kitchen, and a much larger entertainment area for the bandstand! Watch for updates on the new space renovation on their social media pages and their website. Follow to stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/TheNeonBison> or https://www.theneonbison.com/?fbclid=IwAR3tKtJzhqxLN6jgnojqxSEnNeOZ-tevrQBPxnijrV6CpOTQ7cMfLt_3Gst8

As we begin to expand development into the Central Business District, we are so excited to have these entertainment venues on board. Thanks again to all for coming along on this adventure to reimagine our downtown!

New Development

Baldovin Development



Heads Up! Baldovin Development is excited to let everyone know that they will likely be ready to start moving in renters at Adams & Oak at 800 SW Adams Street in April of 2024 and will continue leasing through the spring. The upper floor apartments will be available first, with lower level to follow shortly after. More information will be forthcoming from the Leman Properties team who will be handling their lease up. Keep an eye out for further communication from them in the next few months! This project has been very fun to watch, and we cannot wait to see the rewards of their hard work. Check out all the Warehouse District has to offer for your commercial and residential needs! It is definitely the place to be! **Call Baldovin Development at (309) 422-6917 to discuss your potential for leasing space at Adams & Oak or Adams Street Center.**

Also from Baldovin Development



The one and only Pop Up Chicken Shop and Love Shack is coming to town!!

We cannot wait to have this stellar joint join us down in The Warehouse District in Spring 2024!

Follow them at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086474891715>

Downtown Activities

Peoria Riverfront Museum and Caterpillar Visitors Center



Plus up your holidays by visiting these two side-by-side attractions on Peoria's riverfront. Special Christmas displays abound. Who knew mining trucks and bulldozers could look so festive?! Come see for yourself! While there, take in the history of Caterpillar Inc. and try your hand at construction simulators.

Then hop over to the Riverfront Museum to see special holiday shows and exhibits. And don't forget to gaze at the star-filled sky in the planetarium or the lighted 50-foot Christmas tree out on the back lawn. Did we mention the awesome gift shops at each location? So many unique and educational gifts!



For more information on these downtown museums, including hours and admission cost, visit their websites at www.caterpillar.com/en/company/visitors-center.html and www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/. Follow them both on Facebook as well.

Visit Downtown Peoria!

In collaboration with Peoria Riverfront Association, we keep a pulse on downtown activities, and there are activities galore! Put on your holiday spirit and check out the many music venues, most notably the Peoria Civic Center and many downtown restaurants, for first-class entertainment. For sports fans, take in a Bradley Basketball or Rivermen Hockey game at the Civic Center. Visit our web site at www.downtownpeoria.us/play.

A horizontal string of colorful Christmas lights, including red, blue, yellow, and green bulbs, is strung across the top of the image, just below the logo.

THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PEORIA

Encourages All to **SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES** in the Greater Peoria Region!

By supporting local businesses you are directly contributing to local sales taxes which support public services for all. These sales taxes keep our communities safe and uphold our quality of life.

A thriving Downtown benefits not only the downtown but also the City of Peoria and the entire region. The DDC facilitates development projects that create a vibrant environment for people to live, work, and play.

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A nighttime photograph of the Peoria River Bridge, a large steel truss bridge spanning the Mississippi River. The bridge is illuminated with warm white lights, and its reflection is visible in the water. In the background, the Peoria city skyline is visible, with various buildings lit up against the dark sky. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds.

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