



DOWNTOWN PEORIA NEWSLETTER

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DDC Activities

DDC Partnerships

The DDC values its work with all parties involved in its ongoing effort to develop, reinvent, and revitalize downtown Peoria. We work closely with developers as they navigate through the process of identifying properties, resources and tax incentives, and the proper contacts from start to finish. We collaborate with City staff and Councilmembers on issues from form codes to safety and street improvements, working closely with the Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC), an advisory board to the City. We partner with business owners to help them get a good start, such as press conferences and ribbon cuttings. We are here today for a better tomorrow for our downtown. If you have questions about development in the downtown, please visit our web site at www.downtownpeoria.us or contact Michael Freiling at michael@downtownpeoria.us or (309) 369-6038.

Edward Jones Open House

Last month, DDC staff attended the open house for Edward Jones. They opened their doors at 800 SW Adams Street in the Warehouse District. Their offices are beautifully appointed with construction provided by Baldovin Construction. Read about this newest addition to downtown Peoria in our New Business Spotlight feature article below.

New Business Spotlight



Photo Credit: Adam Hanley/Baldovin Development Co.

Edward Jones

Edward Jones, a FORTUNE 500 firm, has opened a new office at 800 SW Adams St., with Michelle Parker, CEPA®, CFP®, and Melinda Nolte at the helm. According to Michelle, **“We are excited to be opening an Edward Jones office in the Downtown Warehouse District because we see a need for the type of service we provide. This firm concerns itself with the needs of individual investors and small business owners, and we’re happy to be bringing that kind of personalized service to this community.”** Michelle Parker is a lifelong resident of the Peoria area with a finance degree from Bradley University. She has also received the CFP® professional certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards and recently earned the CEPA® or Certified Exit Planning Advisor® designation to be able to support the additional complexities of small business owners and their families.

Melinda Nolte joined the office in September 2021 and is also a lifelong resident of the Peoria area with a degree from Illinois State University with a degree in Agribusiness. Melinda adds, **“We know the people of this community have come to rely upon our firm to provide them with sound investment advice that is geared toward individual investors. We will strive to continue our tradition of excellence here.”**

While the location is new, Edward Jones has been helping individual investors in the Peoria area reach their longterm financial goals for more than 100 years. Edward Jones provides financial services in the U.S. and through its affiliate in Canada. The firm's nearly 19,000 financial advisors serve more than 8 million clients with a total of \$1.6 trillion in client assets under care. Edward Jones' purpose is to partner for a positive impact to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues, and together, better their communities and society. The Edward Jones web site is edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is careers.edwardjones.com.

For trusted financial advice close to home, contact Michelle Parker in the Warehouse District office at michelle.parker@edwardjones.com. Parker & Nolte look forward to continuing the tradition of providing personalized service in downtown Peoria.

Contributor Spotlight

Pop-A-Shot



We recently caught up with Tony Stucker, owner of Pop-A-Shot, a fairly new commercial enterprise in the historic Warehouse District. Pop-A-Shot, the original arcade basketball game, was founded in 1981 in Salinas, KS. Ken “Coach” Cochran sold his beloved company to Tony and Kelly Stucker in 2016. In 2019, the Stuckers opened Pop-A-Shot's new headquarters in their newly renovated office in the Warehouse District.

Pop-A-Shot's investment in Peoria's Downtown and Warehouse District brought a dilapidated building back to life at 918 SW Adams St. According to owner Tony Stucker, **“Given the rich history of the Warehouse District, we**

are honored to be a chapter in the story of the city of Peoria. We are most proud of the working relationship with our neighbors in the Warehouse District. Pop-A-Shot headquarters is located amongst a variety of businesses with incredible people willing to lend a hand whenever needed. We all succeed together!”



When asked about new development and new businesses opening in Downtown Peoria, Tony had this to say, **“When a city invests in the restoration of its historical areas, you see the pride from residents bloom. We are so pleased with how our building restoration turned out and to see other businesses and constructions popping up, it solidifies the strength of the region.** As we have heard from others who reside and work in downtown Peoria, Pop-A-Shot associates also would love to see a convenience store, a family grocery store, or a drug store in the downtown. Developers take note of this opportunity to enhance the city with such a convenience.

The DDC is so glad Pop-A-Shot has found its home in the Warehouse District. To learn more about Pop-A-Shot and to get a jump on your holiday shopping, visit their website at www.popashot.net. They have a game for all levels of play!

Property for Sale/Lease

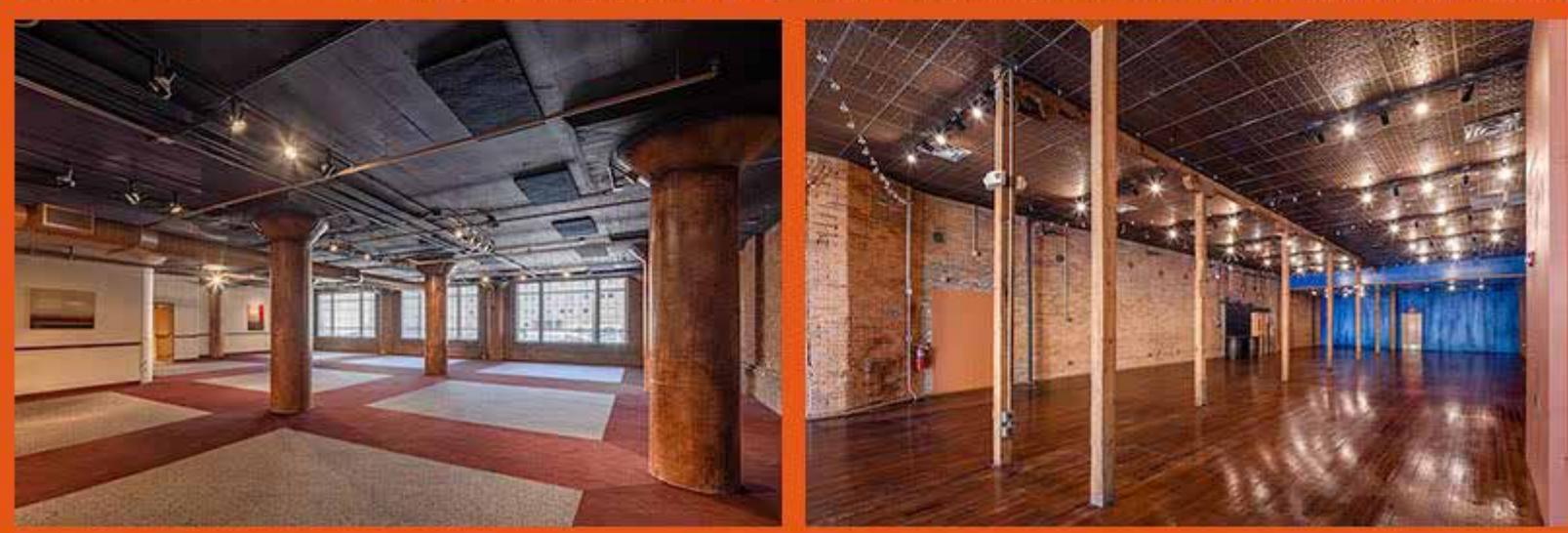
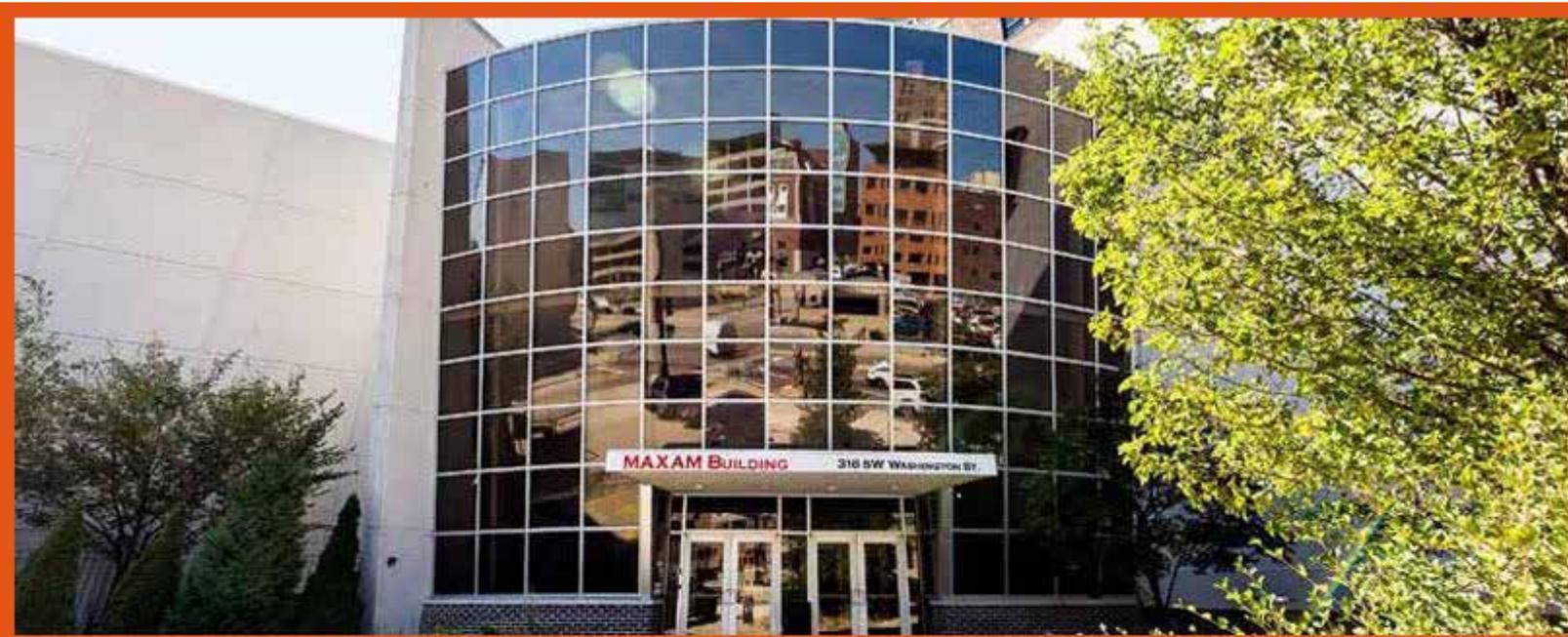
Maxam Building: 1st Floor 316 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL



Property features

- Fully equipped restaurant condo for sale or lease in downtown Peoria at the crossroads of the Warehouse District, Riverfront District, and Central Business District and adjacent to the Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar Visitor Center.
- Lease is 7,600 SF including over 2,000 SF of kitchen space.
- Sale also includes 4,868 SF in the basement, 700 SF of office space, and existing restaurant fixtures/equipment.

Maxam Building: 2nd Floor 316 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL



Property features

- Creative loft-style commercial space for sale or lease in downtown Peoria at the crossroads of the Warehouse District, Riverfront District, and Central Business District and adjacent to the Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar Visitor Center.
- The entire 2nd floor is 19,600 SF and is available for sale or for lease as a full floor for single tenant use or as three individual spaces with three distinct areas with a spacious common hallway with passenger elevator and common men's and women's ADA accessible restrooms.

The MAXAM Building is a mixed use condo building with business condos on Floors 1-4 and residential condos on Floors 5-6. Two passenger elevators and a freight elevator available.

To find out more about these opportunities, including the lease rate for the 1st floor restaurant space, visit the website at www.josephcamper.com or contact Will Hayes at Joseph & Camper, E-MAIL: Willhayes@josephcamper.com or CELL: 309-643-0717.

Historical Monuments

Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Courtesy of the Peoria Historical Society





Anyone who has been in downtown Peoria has surely passed the Civil War monument which stands at the southeast corner of Courthouse Square. Many, however, have never stopped to take a good look at it. It is an imposing tribute, with its 68 foot column topped with a magnificent eagle with an impressive wingspan of 11 feet. In the section called “Defense of the Flag” there are six figures wrought in bronze depicting soldiers on the field of battle. A closer look at the soldiers’ faces reveals the agony of war. An imposing larger than life female figure writes on a scroll at their side.

The monument was commissioned by the Ladies Memorial Day Society in 1892 at a time when memories of the war were beginning to fade. Lucie Tyng, head of the

Memorial Day Society, serving as treasurer of the Peoria schools, was able to mount a penny drive among schoolchildren to assist with the \$40,000 cost. Joseph Greenhut, wealthy whiskey baron, contributed much of the remainder of the funds for the monument. The monument was sculpted by Peoria native Fritz Triebel in his Rome, Italy studio.

President William McKinley, who served alongside Greenhut in the Civil War, came to Peoria for the dedication of the monument on October 6, 1899. A crowd of over 70,000 witnessed the unveiling of the magnificent memorial. The monument was rededicated on its 100th anniversary on October 6, 1999.

In next month's issue and in honor of Veterans Day on November 11th, we will provide the history of the World War I & II Veterans Memorial and A Final Salute memorial located on the courthouse square.

Peoria County is accepting donations for the ongoing maintenance of the memorials and monuments at Courthouse Square. Individuals may purchase an inscription on a brick paver, which are located both around the World War I & II Veterans Memorial and A Final Salute memorial. Bricks can be purchased to honor an individual veteran or can be used to thank a group of veterans. Applications are available from the Peoria County Clerk's office. The cost of the pavers is tax deductible since Peoria County is a qualified charitable organization.

Downtown Activities

Historical Tours

Check out Peoria Historical Society's history bus tours: History on the Move. These tours run through October 28, so hurry and get a seat! There are nine different tours from which to choose. The tours leave from in front of the CAT Visitors Center on Fridays and Saturdays. The tours are two hours long and cost \$20 per person. To purchase tickets go to at www.309tix.com. Walking tours are held the third Thursday of the month, June to October. See www.peoriahistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Visit Downtown Peoria!

The DDC web site is a wonderful resource for development information and things to do in downtown Peoria. Downtown Peoria offers something for everyone: markets, fine arts, museums, gyms, crafts, great food/drinks, and entertainment. In collaboration with Peoria Riverfront Association, we keep an updated pulse on downtown activities. If you are looking for fun, visit our web site at www.downtownpeoria.us/play.

Announcements

The Big Table 2022



On October 20, 2022, have a seat at The Big Table! The Big Table promotes regional community building through conversations designed to strengthen and connect communities. According to event organizers, **“Through open, thoughtful conversations that focus on how we can strengthen our region, we will spark new relationships and new ways for working together by deepening our understanding of each other and what our region needs”**.

To view the day’s schedule and to register for this event at the Peoria Civic Center, visit the web site at www.data.greaterpeoria.us/big-table/. Many

tables are available, 8-12 seats at each table. Each session will be 1.5 hours in length, and you can select your sessions or attend them all. All are welcome! The event is FREE but you must register in advance. Bring a big appetite for change as you and your tablemates digest these goals: Promote Positivity & Community Input, Regional Vision for the Future, and Regional Data for Everyone.

Special Interest



EPIC Bulldogs Basketball to have Pro Look for 2023 Season

Pop-A-Shot Sponsors New Jerseys for Entire Team!

Pop-A-Shot Enterprise, LLC presented new jerseys at the EPIC Bulldog basketball team practice on Thursday, Sept 8. The EPIC Bulldogs are an inclusive team consisting of 10-15 players of diverse ages, sexes, races & abilities. **“We are so excited and thankful to Pop-A-Shot for donating these jerseys. Our team will have so much confidence and feel empowered on the court with official jerseys,”** said Ashley Gordon, EPIC Bulldogs head coach.

Coming off of their 2018 Division 6 State Championship, the Bulldogs have expanded their program and brand including a halftime scrimmage during a Bradley Braves Men's Basketball game each year. They play in Special Olympics Region G which consists of Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Marshall, McLean, Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

Pop-A-Shot Owner Tony Stucker said, **"It is our honor to provide these jerseys to the Bulldogs and wish them the best of luck in their upcoming season. We know the EP!C Bulldogs will represent the culture of fun and sportsmanship we believe in at Pop-A-Shot. Peoria has an incredibly successful basketball history that we (Pop-A-Shot) are proud to be a chapter of and we look forward to continued partnership with a focus on inclusivity and inspiration."**

The EP!C Bulldogs are made possible thanks to volunteer staff coaches and generous community partners who help offset the cost of this extracurricular activity outside of funded programs. To learn more about EP!C programs and donor opportunities, visit www.EPICci.org.

About EP!C

EP!C (Empowering People. Inspiring Capabilities) is a 501C(3) headquartered in Peoria, IL. EP!C is a leader in providing education, employment, and residential opportunities to adults with disabilities, and is passionate about discovering and developing potential. For over 70 years, EP!C has refused to accept a diagnosis as an identity. EP!C's mission is to enrich the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and together we can elevate their voices, strengths, and positive contributions. Visit www.EPICci.org or follow them on Facebook, Instagram and/or connect on LinkedIn.

About Pop-A-Shot

Headquartered in Peoria IL, Pop-A-Shot is the original arcade basketball game. Invented by founder Ken Cochran in 1981, Pop-A-Shot is now synonymous with top-quality arcade basketball games. For more information and purchasing options, visit popashot.net.

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