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PEORIA CIVIC CENTER GLASS ARCADE REFURBISHMENT TO BEGIN MARCH 2



Rendering of Peoria Civic Center's New Glass Arcade Design

Peoria, IL - Peoria Civic Center will begin significant structural improvements to its iconic Glass Arcade starting March 2, 2026. The multi-phase project is designed to modernize the facility, enhance venue egress for the Prairie Home Alliance Theater, and further strengthen the Civic Center's role as a cornerstone of downtown Peoria.

Construction will take place in two phases, beginning in March 2026 and continuing through Fall 2027. During this time, exterior access to the Glass Arcade, Sonar Tide patio and interior venue lobby walkthrough will be unavailable. However, all scheduled events will continue as planned. Guest pathways will be routed through the Exhibit Halls, and entry points, especially on the north Theater side which will shift at various stages as work progresses. Alternative entrances will be clearly marked and available for guests to ensure smooth and convenient access to the facility.

Phase 1 will take place March through September 2026 and will affect venue Entry #5 located along Fulton Street underneath the Marriott Hotel Skywalk. Venue entry will not be permitted but access to the skywalk and connected hotels will remain available. Alternative venue access for this period will be Entry #4 located off Monroe Street.



Peoria Civic Center Map with Entrance Locations for Phase 1 Construction

“This project represents a meaningful investment in the future of the Peoria Civic Center and our downtown community,” said Rik Edgar, General Manager. “We understand construction may create a few temporary inconveniences, but our team is dedicated to making each guest’s experience as seamless as possible. We are grateful for the City of Peoria’s support and guidance from our Authority Board to embark on another monumental construction effort.”

The Glass Arcade improvements are part of a broader effort to revitalize and modernize the Civic Center, ensuring it remains a premier destination for entertainment, conventions, and community events for decades to come. By strengthening infrastructure and increasing efficiency, the project supports both operational excellence and continued economic activity in the heart of Peoria.

The venue’s ice plant will also be replaced starting in May 2026. This project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2026 ahead of the tenant sport season openers.



Cedric, your helpful guide to navigating the temporary construction changes at the Peoria Civic Center



As construction begins, Cedric, the venue's new brand ambassador will help guests navigate temporary changes, leading the way and sharing helpful reminders along the journey. Cedric is an animated take on the dragon sculpture located outside the Civic Center at the corner of Jefferson Ave and Fulton St.

Guests attending upcoming events are encouraged to check www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com and the venue's social media channels for updated entrance information and construction notices throughout the duration of the project. Construction updates can be found at <https://www.peoriaciviccenter.com/venue-info/construction-updates/>

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About Peoria Civic Center:

The Peoria Civic Center, proudly managed by Legends Global is a catalyst for improving the quality of life and economic vitality in the Peoria-area by hosting diverse events that are enjoyed and supported by all segments of the general public. To see the excitement, visit www.PeoriaCivicCenter.com.