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Dear Property Owner:

Landlords, tenants, and homeowners all play a vital role in neighborhoods. The Community Development Department is reaching out to owners of nonowner-occupied properties to encourage neighborhood connections and enhance their role in building stronger neighborhoods across the City of Peoria. You have power to shape the current and future state of neighborhoods.

Communication is key to improving neighborhoods. We encourage you to become a member of the neighborhood association your property lies within and suggest your tenants do the same. This will allow for better communication between yourself, tenants, and immediate neighbors. It will also help to build trust and unity throughout the community. To determine your neighborhood association, listed below are map and president directory links.

http://www.peoriagov.org/content/uploads/2012/11/Associations0616Letter\_1465575044\_add.pdf

http://www.peoriagov.org/content/uploads/2012/11/Association-President-Directory-5.18.17\_1495141028\_add.pdf

Providing your contact information to neighbors is also a simple way to show residents that as a property owner you are invested in the community and have a commitment to the continued success and livelihood of the neighborhood.

Some additional ways to facilitate a sense of community and pride in the neighborhood include volunteering your time at neighborhood cleanups, meeting your district council person, participating in Great Neighbor Appreciation Week activities, and ensuring your property meets all City ordinances.

The Community Development Department has partnered with nonprofit agencies to host multiple tenant educational seminars throughout the community, and we ask that you encourage your tenants to attend. They can obtain important information on property maintenance, financial literacy, and being part of a neighborhood. Information on future tenant trainings can be found on our website, <u>AppreciatePeoria.com</u>.

The City of Peoria Community Development Department appreciates and encourages you to be a good neighbor and appreciate Peoria. For more information, please contact Raven Fuller, Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator, at 309.494-8636 or <u>rfuller@peoriagov.org</u>.

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