

What's New in Granicus: November 13, 2015

Hosted Updates

Hosted services are automatically updated on the night of the release (November 13). You do not need to perform any specific actions to receive these updates.

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Highlights from this Release

[In-app User Guide for Peak Agenda Management](#)

We are excited to announce a new user assistance feature for Peak Agenda Management. The **Guide Me** in-app help feature is now found throughout Peak. This guide gives a concise, step-by-step tutorial on key features and functionality of each page without requiring you to leave Peak. Activate the guide by clicking the **Guide Me** link found at the top right corner of the following pages:

- Meetings
- Items
- Manage Departments
- Meeting Bodies
- Manage People
- Assign Group Roles
- Manage Meeting Statuses
- Manage Meeting Types/Create and Edit Meeting Type
- Manage Item Template

More about [Peak Agenda Management](#): Peak the simplest, fastest, most supported, most usable agenda management software in the industry. It's designed to help government organizations take control of and simplify their agenda preparation process. This intuitive, browser-based application is beautifully designed to fit the specific needs of municipal clerks and officials, using technology unmatched in the government space. Some of the features contributing to Peak's ease of use are

autopopulation of fields, cross-platform support, drag-and-drop editing, sequential or concurrent approval phases, and simple agenda packet creation. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to add enhancements and new features to Peak. Check back for more updates in our next release.

AiLIS Records Management 8.0 Upgrade

We have performed an extensive upgrade of AiLIS, our Land and Vitals records management solution. This includes upgrades to several third-party components of the system. AiLIS 8.0 includes the following upgrades:

- Upgraded .net framework to version 4.5
- Upgraded user interface library framework Infragistic to version 13.2
- Replaced LeadTool imaging library with Atalasoftware version 10.6
- Upgraded Crystal Reports to version 13

The .net framework upgrade is a significant improvement from version 1.1 to 4.5.1. Out of the gate it allows AiLIS to run on Windows 7 and higher without the need to install the deprecated .net 1.1 library. The new .net brings all the advanced features and security provided by Microsoft's latest technology. This sets up a robust base for us to build new features into the product by leveraging the latest Microsoft .net stack, including Windows Communications Foundation and Windows presentation foundation. It will also allow us to substantially improve the efficiency of our development process by letting us incorporate the latest industry practices such as continuous integration and Test Driven Development, thus making the program truly agile. Users will see benefits such as quicker turn around on product enhancements and more effective usability designs. We plan on leveraging this base to re-architect the product in future versions as well.

We've also upgraded our user interface framework, Infragistics, to version 13.2. While the appearance is essentially the same, the new framework provides us with a good stepping stone to fix any existing issues with the AiLIS's user interface as well as extend its features.

Finally, the change from using LeadTool to Atalasoftware imaging library for all of our image manipulating and processing throughout the application provides improvement to thumbnails display, image controls, and memory usage, all of which help AiLIS run faster and smoother when you add digital images to the record tracking system.

Automatic Deletion of Unsubmitted Applications in Boards and Commissions

We've added an automatic deletion feature to Boards and Commissions applications. Two weeks after an application is last saved but remains unsubmitted, it is automatically deleted from the system, and a notification email is sent to the applicant via the email address listed on the application. This change increases security for applicants by removing their data, as well as reducing unnecessary clutter in the B&C system. The email template can be found at **Tools > Application Builder**. From the left side, select **Email Notifications**, then **Delete Data** from the email list to customize the text of the email.

What's New in Boards & Commissions

New Features

Automatic deletion of unsubmitted applications after 14 days

Two weeks after an application is last saved but remains unsubmitted, it is automatically deleted, and an email is sent to the address on the application advising the applicant of this action. The email template can be found at **Tools > Application Builder**. From the left side, select **Email Notifications**, then **Delete Data** from the email list.

Fixes to the member contact display option

We have made the following fixes to the member contact display option on the public webpage widget: 1) The option is now available on both single board and "all boards" widgets; 2) there is no longer a label before the phone number (e.g., Business, Mobile); 3) the latest value for alternate phone now displays; and 4) selecting the Street Address option now includes city, state, and zip.

Bug Fixes

Missing Name field on Boards Roster appointment panel fixed

Under the **Roster** tab, choosing **Fill Vacancy** from the **Action** drop-down menu opens the appointment panel correctly with a **Name** field in place.

Ability to delete default questions on the Application Builder restored

- Salesforce case #213367

You can now delete **District** and **Upload Résumé** questions included by default in the Application Builder. The Application Builder also allows deletion of the **Demographics** and **Employment** blocks of questions.

Answers to board-specific questions not displaying in PDF report

- Salesforce case #228692

Answers to board-specific questions now display in the PDF report of an application.

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Guide Me contextual help available on additional pages

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What's New in LiveManager

Duplicate attendees appear in roll call when adding attendees to a meeting

LiveManager now correctly updates the list after a new attendee is added. Duplicate attendees with identical names are no longer allowed.

What's New in Legistar

Batch utility update

The batch update utility allows you to perform a search in the **Files** module to get a set of records. Go to **Tools > Batch File Update** and use the utility to update specific data (e.g., status, agenda date, final action date, controlling body) for all of the records at once.