

PEORIA NOW

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A monthly publication of city-centered news and current events for the citizens of Peoria, Arizona.

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Presidents Day (February 20)

Monday, Feb. 20 moves to Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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For the full 2017 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Upcoming Events

Spring Training at Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave.

Feb. 25 - Mariners v. Padres (1:10 p.m.)

Feb. 26 - Mariners v. Padres (1:10 p.m.)

Feb. 27 - Royals v. Mariners (1:10 p.m.)

Feb. 28 - Giants v. Padres (1:10 p.m.)

Mar. 1 - A's v. Padres (1:10 p.m.)

Mar. 2 - Brewers v. Mariners (1:10 p.m.)

www.springtrainingpeoria.com

Quidditch 2017 West Regional Championship at Pioneer Community Park, 8755 N. 83rd Ave.

Feb. 25-26

www.usquidditch.org

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The Role of Local Government

On the tail of a particularly consuming presidential election, I want to point out that the level of government that most affects you is much closer to home than Washington, D.C. Local government touches your life every day.

Although it may appear seamless, the topnotch quality of life enjoyed by Peoria residents is no accident. It's also important to remember that our city covers 178 square miles, and we still have half a city yet to be built, making growth one of the most dominate challenges we face.

With that in mind, it's critical that residents know exactly who their government is, what their government does (and does not do) and how the city serves them every single day.

From a bird's eye view, cities establish general rules for order such as ensuring there are adequate police and firefighters on duty, roads are constructed and maintained, and streetlights, water, wastewater and other infrastructure is in place. Although cities do not have the authority to stop growth, there are a few tools to manage growth such as zoning.

Cities do not own the land within their boundaries. In Peoria, land is privately owned or owned by the state of Arizona. The Arizona Constitution designates state land to be sold to fund schools. Arizona cities are not authorized to govern schools in any way.

Peoria has a council/manager form of government. Non-partisan elected officials hold the power of policymaking and hire a professionally trained manager to oversee city operations.

Financial management is a critical aspect of city government. Your city council focuses on the community's goals and long-term considerations when approving the annual budget. Peoria is known for strong and sensible financial policies and practices. The city's budget is balanced each year while ensuring every tax dollar is put to work for the residents.

The majority of Peoria's revenue comes primarily from sales tax. The good news is that people visiting our city contribute to the services and amenities that Peoria residents enjoy. A considerably smaller source of revenue is property tax. Most of your property taxes go to the county and school districts.

Arizona's growth has historically been fueled by homebuilding, and Peoria is one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. Long-term planning is an essential component of Peoria's management. Land planning and growth decisions are methodically reviewed as private development occurs.

As with all local governments, the decisions made by our state legislature greatly impact Peoria. As an example, the tenet that growth should pay for itself was hindered in 2011 when the legislature drastically reduced the obligation of developers to pay impact fees. Developers paid these fees to the city for roads, parks, libraries and other amenities. To a city like Peoria, this adds a large hurdle to mitigating the effects of growth.

I will be spending a considerable amount of time in 2017 meeting with residents to talk more about Peoria in a series called CitySense. I hope to see you at one of the many gatherings to hear your most important priorities for Peoria's future.

— Mayor Cathy Carlat



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MARCH 2017

COMING SOON

Upcoming Events

Bravo Peoria at Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Mar. 4

State of the City at Arizona Broadway Theater, 7701 W. Paradise Ln., Mar. 28

Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival in Old Town Peoria, Apr. 1

www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents

Peoria Named 11th Best City for Jobs

Peoria was named 2017's 11th Best City for Jobs in a recent WalletHub study. In order to identify the strongest local job markets in the U.S., WalletHub's analysts compared 150 of the most populated cities across 23 key metrics. Peoria ranked seventh in median annual income and ninth in housing affordability. The full study can be viewed at <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-jobs/2173/>.

2017 Bulk Trash Schedule Online

The new schedule for the 2017 bulk trash pickup is available online. Find out when your neighborhood is scheduled for pickup by visiting www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash. Last January, the City of Peoria began offering bulk trash collection twice a year to residents.



This service is for large items that will not fit into residential garbage containers. Such items include stoves, refrigerators, washers, water heaters, microwaves, televisions, sofas, chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, patio furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, yard waste, and fencing and building materials. The city will not pickup items like motor oil, oil based paint, paint thinner, cleaners, batteries, prescription drugs, biological waste, tires, auto parts, roofing materials, glass doors, animal waste, rocks, bricks, concrete, and tile.

Each zone of the city will have different collection days and collection begins at 6 a.m. on those scheduled days. Place your items on the curbside the day before collection begins.

For more information about the bulk trash program, call **623-773-7160** or email customerservice@peoriaaz.gov.

Donate Food, Get Your Library Fees Reduced

Give back to your community by donating non-perishable food and have your library overdue fees reduced. During National Library Week on April 9 - 15, 50 cents will be deducted from all library overdue fees for each non-perishable food item collected at the Peoria Main and Sunrise Mountain Libraries. Also, all donations will be accepted even if fees are not being paid. A maximum of \$25 can be paid with donated food. Homemade food or food donated to replace lost or damaged items cannot be accepted. All donated food will be distributed to Community Hope Center in Peoria. For more information, call a Peoria library or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/library.

SPRING TRAINING

2017



Charity Game – February 25

Support the Peoria Diamond Club in its mission to raise funds for local youth organizations and programs that educate and enrich our children's lives while enhancing their futures!

Friday Fireworks – March 3 & 31

Come enjoy a pair of special 6:40 pm game time starts under the lights that will feature postgame fireworks after the last pitch!

Bowwow Powwow – March 20

Sit on the lawn with your dog at a game under the lights! 100% of dog admission ticket proceeds will be donated to the Arizona Humane Society! Dog tickets are available at the Ticket Office windows only.

Fan Appreciation – March 27

Indulge in this offer of buy one get one free outfield box, bleacher and lawn tickets as well as special \$2 hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels and 16 oz. sodas! Ticket discount available at Ticket Office windows only.

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