

PEORIA NOW

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

Youth Summer Meal Programs

This summer, the Peoria Community Center and Peoria Main Library are offering free meals for kids 18 and under. Breakfast (9-10:30 a.m.) and lunch (11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.) are at the library and snacks (2-2:30 p.m.) and dinners (4:30-5:15 p.m.) are at the center Monday through Friday. For more information, call **623-773-7436**.

Get Your Water Quality Report



This year Peoria's 2016 Water Quality Report will be distributed electronically! Beginning June 1, the summary of testing results will be available at www.peoriaaz.gov/2016WQR. Paper copies will only be provided upon request by calling **623-773-7286 option #3**.

Peoria Public Works – Working for You

I have lived in a city all my life and I have a confession to make: I take city services for granted. Although they are the very essence of why I live in a city, prior to serving on the city council, I almost never thought about them.

So what are these municipal services that matter enough to guide my choices? Peoria's Public Works-Utilities Department oversees a range of services that provide direct value to residents every day, including water delivery, solid waste management, traffic systems and street maintenance.

Whether it is the quality of our drinking water, the condition of our streets, or the long-term maintenance of our community, I believe residents should be able to rely on their local government to provide services that affect their daily lives in a reliable, cost-effective manner.

Peoria's Public Works team does just that. Maintaining this level of service does not come without effort and, in fact, hundreds of certified professionals are working hard to ensure Peoria residents receive the best services, the kind they can safely take for granted.

During a recent reaccreditation review of 179 different business practices within this department, Peoria Public Works received an unprecedented 100 percent score by the American Public Works Association. They were also recognized for having four model practices, which will now be shared as best practices nationwide. This rating is characteristic of the excellence we constantly strive to attain in Peoria.

Water is our most sacred resource in the desert and, with significant growth, some may wonder if there is enough to go around. Peoria has a diverse water portfolio and policies and procedures in place to ensure a stable supply of high-quality water to serve Peoria residents through ultimate build out. Our supply includes watersheds of Central Arizona Project and Salt River Project, groundwater wells, recovered recharge water, and reclaimed water. Water supplies are treated for potable use at the Greenway or Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plants. Another important source is reclaimed water, which is processed at our Butler, Beardsley, and Jomax Water Reclamation Facilities for direct uses such as irrigation or recharged for later use. We use every opportunity to recycle water, operating under the premise that Peoria has enough water to use but never enough to waste.

Solid waste management is another core service that we provide through trash and recycling services, household hazardous waste collection, and bulk trash collection. Peoria collects an average of 76,000 tons of trash and 16,000 tons of recyclable material each year. As our population grows, so do these figures. By decreasing the amount of material that ends up in landfills, we increase the amount of recyclable materials. This is important because the dollars received from recycled items help offset the costs of providing collection services. Managing long-term water, wastewater, and solid waste programs is a complex undertaking and one that requires careful scrutiny and accountability. In Peoria, these services are managed as individual enterprise funds, which ensure the revenues collected are directly applied to the costs of the service.

Lastly, Peoria Public Works is also responsible for street maintenance and asphalt repairs, the maintenance of 121 traffic signals, 15,722 streetlights, 1,353 crosswalks, 21,807 traffic signs, and 630 linear miles of streets.

Your Public Works team will continue to anticipate the needs of the future to ensure Peoria residents receive superior services, at a great value, without having to think about it. To learn more about these services, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/utilities.

– Mayor Cathy Carlat



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COMING SOON

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

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

Independence Day (July 4)

Tuesday, July 4 moves to Wednesday, July 5.

There is **NO CHANGE** for the other pickup days

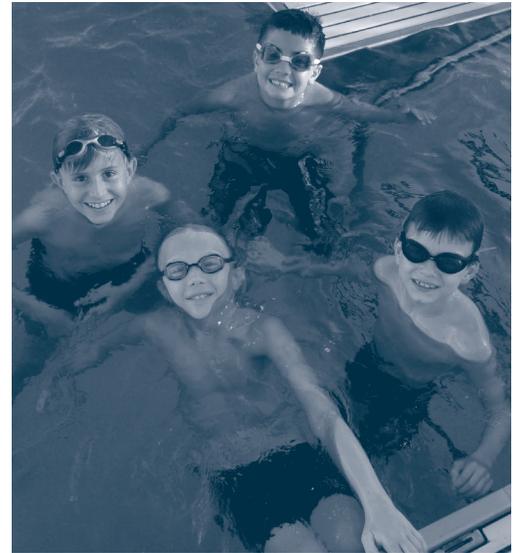
For the full 2017 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.



Did you know we pick up bulk trash twice a year now? Learn more about the program and when we'll be in your neighborhood at www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash.

Peoria Pools are Open

Peoria pools are now open for the summer! All city pools opened Memorial Day weekend for open swim and lap. There are several individual and family passes available, ranging from \$1 (ages 2-16) to \$75 (families). Swim at Sunrise (21321 N. 86th Dr.), Peoria (11200 N. 83rd Ave.) and Centennial (14388 N. 79th Dr.) Pools seven days a week until Aug. 6, except for Centennial Pool which closes Aug. 3. Swim lessons, which are taught by certified instructors, are available at all three pools for \$25 a session for Peoria residents. For more information or to register for lessons, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics.



City Council Selects Final Redistricting Map

Following a robust public process, the Peoria City Council has adopted a final redistricting map to be effective with the next council election in August 2018. The selected map, identified as Map 31, was selected out of five finalist maps.

Redistricting is required pursuant to Peoria's City Charter after a mid-decade census count to rebalance each of Peoria's six council districts. A staff Redistricting Committee coordinated a two-phase public engagement process. The first phase included an active website, open houses, community meetings and leveraged traditional and social media to share information and solicit input on communities of interest. In addition, the city made available an online mapping application that allowed residents to create their own maps for consideration. The second phase was designed to seek feedback on the five finalist redistricting maps and again included the website, open houses and traditional and social media. For more information on redistricting, call **623-773-7282** or visit www.peoriaaz.gov.

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