

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 Christmas holiday.

Christmas (December 25)

Monday, Dec. 25 moves to Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Tuesday, Dec. 26 moves to Wednesday, Dec. 27.

For the full 2018 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.



WINTER WATER SAFETY DAY & POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, January 6, 2018
8-9 a.m.

Sunrise Pool at 21321 North 86th Drive

For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics.

Peoria Police: Working Daily to Protect our Community

Every single day across America, hundreds of thousands of men and women slide into their protective vests, pull up their boots, and answer the call to selflessly serve their community.

In Peoria, public safety is our top priority and we are proud to be home to one of the very best police departments in the nation. Each day, these officers bring their training, expertise, and courage to the job to ensure Peoria citizens are as safe as possible.

The Peoria Police Department has earned the top award, the Gold Standard for Best Practices in Police Work, by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. As we gear up for our next reaccreditation, we look forward to demonstrating once again that Peoria exceeds the highest standards and best practices in law enforcement.

Although Peoria is not immune to rising national crime trends, we pride ourselves on an extremely low crime rate; and, in fact, Peoria remains one of the safest cities in the Valley, with just 23 total crimes per 1,000 residents. We take crime reduction and prevention very seriously, and year to date, we are pleased to see that property crime is down nearly 10 percent, and overall crime is down over 8 percent.

With a community-oriented policing philosophy, the Peoria Police Department is focused on engaging community leaders and proactive problem solving right alongside our residents. Whether at community events and meetings, or by engaging younger residents and guiding them toward positive paths, Peoria police works daily to strengthen relationships. This viewpoint is based on the principle that by creating access to and from residents and police, there will be greater safety, security, and public trust.

In line with this, in 2016 all of Peoria's patrol officers were outfitted with body-worn cameras, which contributes to a heightened level of transparency, and is in line with our high standards for customer service.

As a fast growing city, we were proud to unveil the opening of our newest police facility. With an existing police station located near our southern boundary, the new facility will more efficiently serve the ever-expanding population within the northern reaches of our city. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to enable public safety expansion as our population grows, providing reassurance that Peoria citizens will not experience a lag in service due to growth.

As new challenges continue to face us, I am assured by the innovative work of our police department, who is always looking for new best practices to serve our growing community. These officers are changing lives and saving lives every single day, and I am honored to know that Peoria is home to some of the finest men and women, working tirelessly to keep us safe.

— Mayor Cathy Carlat



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JANUARY 2018

COMING SOON

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the New Year's Day holiday.

New Year's Day (January 1)

Monday, Jan. 1 moves
to Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 moves
to Wednesday, Jan. 3.

For the full 2018 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Storytellers Series

The Peoria Center for the Performing Arts will be hosting the Storyteller Series: *Traces in the Wind* (Jan. 20 at 2 p.m.), *AZ Storytellers Project: New Beginnings* (Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.) and *Playback Theatre* (Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m., April 11 at 7:30 p.m.). <https://tickets.azcentral.com/arizona-storytellers-new-beginnings>

RECYCLE YOUR TREE!

The City of Peoria encourages residents to recycle Christmas trees. Live trees will be accepted at the various dropoff locations from **December 26, 2017 to January 2, 2018**. Remember to remove tree stands, decorations, hooks and lights. Artificial trees or wreaths will not be accepted.

Please do not drop off your tree at city parks and vacant lots or leave trees on the curbside.

Peoria Sports Complex – 16101 N. 83rd Avenue
(entrance off Paradise Lane)

Wal-Mart – 7975 W. Peoria Avenue

Wal-Mart – 21655 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue (west side of parking lot)

Home Depot – 9201 W. Peoria Avenue

Home Depot – 25650 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Lowe's – 8497 W. Thunderbird Road

Lowe's – 25311 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Peoria Seeks Citizens for Design Review Board

The city of Peoria is seeking citizen volunteers to fill vacancies on the Design Review Board. The Design Review Board hears design review appeals about building plans, works with city staff on issues related to the design review process, recommends process modifications and ensures community review and input on design review concepts. This board plays an integral part in the planning and building projects throughout the city. Seven regular and one alternate positions are available based on the following qualifications:

- One registered architect residing in the city or maintaining an office in the city (residency exception)
- One member shall be a registered landscape architect (residency exception)
- One member shall be a registered professional engineer (residency exception)
- One member with a background or experience in land planning and/or urban design (residency exception)
- Three private citizens who are residents of the city
- One alternate member with any of the qualifications of the seven regular members

For applications, a complete listing of vacancies and descriptions for the boards and commissions, contact the Peoria City Clerk's Office **623-773-7340**, stop by the office at 8401 W. Monroe Street or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/boards.

Keep Holiday Lights out of the Landfill

The city of Peoria and Lowe's are teaming up this holiday season to keep old Christmas lights out of the landfill without getting out of your car!

What: Drive-thru, drop-off and recycle your old Christmas tree lights and receive a 10 percent off Lowe's coupon on your next purchase of longer-lasting LED lights.

When: Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Lowe's Parking Lot at 8497 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria, AZ 85381



For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at 623-773-7431 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Si tiene preguntas o necesita más información por favor llamar al Departamento de sanidad al 623-773-7431.