

PEORIA NOW

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

Mayor and Council Year in Review

Throughout the city of Peoria, from border to border, we are connected. As residents, we are bound together by common threads that equate to more than geography. We want the best quality of life that we can have for our families, we want to enjoy the safety of our neighborhoods, and we want to know that the greater good of our community is something we can count on long term.

My job as your Mayor is to create the policies that bring those common threads to life, now and into the future. Creating consistency and protections of transparent government, logical and prudent fiscal practices, and public safety plans that grow and adapt alongside our growing population, have been the mainstay of my years of service.

As another year zooms by, your Mayor and city council have continued to work cooperatively for the benefit of Peoria citizens. I'm happy to present to you, in the words of each councilmember, a quick highlight of some of the accomplishments in each council district.



Councilmember Vicki Hunt, Acacia District: I have been hard at work to help Peoria's historic Old Town realize its fullest potential. Through an adaptive reuse program aimed at bringing new businesses into the area, two historic buildings have undergone transformations. The Lucidi Distilling Company has revived the original Peoria Firehouse No. 1, and The Venue is coming to life in the former lumberyard.

As part of my vision to incorporate art throughout the area, a large group of talented residents collaborated on a creative place-making project that resulted in original works of art on large planters that now adorn avenues throughout Old Town. In addition, I am merging art with public areas such as bus shelters, parks, and way-finding signage to move forward with a thoughtful transformation that complements Peoria's mission to help the area remain a point of pride.

Councilmember Carlo Leone, Pine District: Several developments are underway in the Pine District. In residential growth, this includes new housing projects such as Olive Park and Townley Park. To meet the demands of new and existing residents, multiple road widening projects were completed to create safer travel experiences.

As an industry leader in the production of tactical equipment for first responders worldwide, TYR Tactical built a beautiful 78,000 square foot facility, giving them the ability to increase production capacity, while creating hundreds of jobs. The district is also welcoming a new senior living facility and QuickTrip Market.

Councilmember Michael Finn, Palo Verde District: As an experienced chief financial officer in both the public and private sectors, I am focused on keeping critical services at the forefront of every financial decision; and I can say Peoria has the best budgetary processes that I have seen. I'm proud that we have afforded one of my key priorities, public safety, with enhancements such as the launch of our own ambulance service and the opening of a second police station. As we continue to grow, Peoria is looking hard at staffing and services to ensure we continue to meet future demands.

No matter how fast our city grows, it is critical that existing neighborhoods receive the attention they deserve. For this reason, I held a Neighborhood Pride event to support maturing neighborhoods through improvements such as new paint and landscaping. With this most recent outreach, more than 500 volunteers provided support, leading to an incredible neighborhood transformation.

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15)

Monday, Jan. 15 moves to Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 moves to Wednesday, Jan. 17.

For the full 2018 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623.773.7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

New Bulk Trash Schedule Begins in January

The new bulk trash schedule begins Jan. 8, and you will receive service twice in 2018. Find out when your neighborhood is scheduled at www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash. Bulk trash service is for large items that will not fit in residential garbage containers. Such items include stoves, refrigerators, washers, water heaters, televisions, etc. but not items like motor oil, oil-based paint, paint thinner, batteries, tires, rocks, bricks, etc. Each zone of the city will have different collection days and collection begins at 6 a.m. Place your items curbside the day before collection begins. For more information, call 623-773-7431 or email solidwaste@peoriaaz.gov.

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Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

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

Presidents Day (February 19)

Monday, Feb. 19 moves to Tuesday, Feb. 20.

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

For the full 2018 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623.773.7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Spring Training PUSDeal

Benefitting the Peoria Education Foundation (PEF) on behalf of the students of the Peoria Unified School District (PUSD), this special offer is an opportunity for the students, faculty, administrators and families of PUSD and PEF organizations to fundraise. By purchasing tickets for FamilyFun Day games on Feb. 26, March 7, March 20 and March 22, 25 percent of the proceeds from each PUSDeal ticket purchased benefits our children's education. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office windows or online. Proof of eligibility to purchase PUSDeal tickets must be presented at the time of purchase.

Acceptable documentation options for window purchases include a PUSD student ID card or employee ID card, a PEF employee ID card or a current drivers license with a Peoria, Arizona street address with PUSD student present at time of purchase. Online purchases will be validated by using the PUSDeal coupon code **PUSDEAL2018**. Offer expires March 26, 2018. May not be combined with other offers.

Vice Mayor Jon Edwards, Willow District: I have been busy balancing the demands of considerable residential growth in the northern part of my district, with the complementary growth of new businesses in our P83 entertainment area.

I worked with the developers of the Meadows community and the school district to introduce a coordinated opportunity that makes sense for current and future residents, and the quality of their day-to-day family life.

In addition, I remain focused on maintaining a strong partnership with our business community. By hosting monthly meetings and working with the business community to understand their needs, I am able to convey Peoria's interest in supporting their operations and partnering in their long-term success.

Councilmember Bridget Binsbacher, Mesquite District: I am on a mission to ensure all residents have access to the amenities that make our community special. Most exciting is the continued progress of the long-awaited and much-needed north community park. Construction will begin in 2018, with the completion of the first phase expected in spring 2020.

I've also been working with surrounding HOAs and Peoria's Community Services Department to bring more services, classes, and programs to the northern reaches of our city. I am proud to say the partnerships I've built with community leaders will help expedite the delivery of key services and programs to residents.

Councilmember Bill Patena, Ironwood District: As the Council Liaison to Veterans Affairs, I had the honor of working on several meaningful improvements to Peoria's Veterans Memorial located at Rio Vista Community Park. With an existing 88-foot, black granite wall that recognizes specific war events throughout American history, the site has been enlarged to include an Honor Wall where citizens can add the names of veterans they wish to memorialize. A completely new Vietnam veterans area has been added, anchored by a restored Bell UH-1H Huey helicopter. I hope the expanded seating, reflection deck, signage and flags show our veterans how important they are in the city of Peoria. Upgrading our Veterans Memorial Wall has been an important priority and it has been a privilege to work alongside Mayor Carlat and Peoria's Veterans Board to expand and enhance this area for the benefit of those who have served and sacrificed for our great country.

As your Mayor, I remain committed to the work of ensuring our city is the best that it can be for every family that calls Peoria home.

— Mayor Cathy Carlat

Peoria Sports Complex Celebrates 25 Years

The Peoria Sports Complex kicks off its 25th year of spring training with the first game on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. The season starts earlier than ever before with the annual charity game supporting the Peoria Diamond Club and games will run through March 25. In honor of serving fans for 25 seasons, Peoria is celebrating those in the community that serve others by offering special discounts and promotions through a campaign called, Your Peoria Days. This spring training season is specifically geared toward fans that work, serve, and volunteer in capacities that protect and provide for others, including teachers, paramedics, nurses, police officers, firefighters, community volunteers, active military and retired veterans. For example, first responders and military members can purchase tickets for 25 percent off on Value Valor Days. There will be additional fan-friendly events like a series of commemorative giveaway days, games where fans can bring their dogs, and days for kids to experience fun activities. For more information, visit www.peoriasportscomplex.com.

