

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 President's Day holiday.

President's 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.

Upcoming Events

Spring Training

Peoria Sports Complex
16101 N. 83rd Ave.

Feb. 23 – March 25

www.peoriasportscomplex.com

Bravo Peoria

Sunrise Mountain Library
Saturday, March 3

State of the City

Arizona Broadway Theatre
Tuesday, March 27

Dolly Sanchez Memorial

Easter Egg Hunt

Peoria Sports Complex

Saturday, March 31

www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents

'I am Peoria' Features Residents

When the city of Peoria incorporated in 1954, the city spanned one mile with only 1,925 residents. In the past 63 years, we have experienced tremendous growth and are now the proud home to more than 171,000 residents, spanning 178 square miles.

Every person is part of the unique character that makes up our great city, and each of us has a story. With such a large community and so many residents, it can be difficult to know the people who live and work alongside us. There are those who carry the rich history and heritage of the lands that we call home and others who are emerging and molding Peoria's future.

Over the next year, I'll be sharing the stories of some people who make our community special through a program called, "I am Peoria." It's a chance to hear directly from the people who impact our community every day, and, as your Mayor, I wanted to give residents a chance to hear my story too.

Although I took office as Peoria's first female Mayor in January 2015, I was elected to Peoria City Council in 2005 for the Mesquite District – Peoria's largest and fastest growing district. My story, however, and the reason I decided to run for office, started much earlier.

I was born in Pennsylvania and my family moved from the cold to the beauty and warmth of Arizona in 1969. I grew up playing in the desert of what was then considered north Phoenix.

In the early 1980s, hearing about the booming job market, I moved to north Texas. As time went on, I met and married my husband Dennis, settled in Plano and started a family. While we were busy with the daily cares of a young family, our sleepy suburb began an incredible transformation. A Texas businessman bought a large swath of land and relocated his corporate headquarters to Plano. As other companies followed, the changes to the city were substantial. Property values soared, families enjoyed economic stability and children grew up with the lofty goals and high hopes that quality employment produces.

These corporations became a contributing part of the community. They donated to schools, parks, cultural programs, public art and every sport a kid could ever hope to play. With employment opportunities close to home, kids came back after college to work and raise their own families.

After 17 years in Texas, I was ready to come home. While there were many things I loved about Texas, my family was in Arizona and I never stopped missing them or the desert. The Carlat family moved to Peoria, Arizona in 2001. I took a job at the Central Arizona Project, where I met then-Peoria Councilmember Bob Barrett. We became friends, and I found our conversations about the issues surrounding municipal government inspiring.

I moved to Peoria because of the beautiful mountains, amazing home values and great schools. I ran for office because I knew the value of my business experience and my vision for a complete community.

After holding executive positions in Texas, working at Central Arizona Project for 13 years and serving on city council for almost 10 years, I retired to concentrate full time on being Mayor and building Peoria to its fullest potential. I am thankful for the opportunity to lead a community with as much opportunity as we have here in Peoria.

Peoria is home to people who enjoy an exceptional quality of life. Each of us is bound together by a common thread that brought us to where we are, and over the next several months, I'm excited to share their "I am Peoria" stories.



– Mayor Cathy Carlat

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MARCH 2018

COMING SOON

**Shred Your
Documents March 24**



Pine District Councilmember Carlo Leone is hosting an identity theft shred event on Saturday, March 24 from 8:15 – 10 a.m., at Cheyenne Elementary School, at 11806 N. 87th Ave. Take this opportunity to clean out files and prevent someone from stealing your identity. Bring everything from old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information. Safely discard your unwanted personal paperwork with this free shred event. For more information, call **623-773-7538**.

Peoria Ranked Fourth Best Place to Find a Job in 2018

2018 is already proving to be a good time to be hunting for a job. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' report in December 2017, the national unemployment rate has fallen to a 17-year low of 4.1 percent. Additionally, hiring numbers are up, particularly for college graduates and in the health care, construction and manufacturing sectors. The National Association of Colleges and Employers reported that employers plan to hire four percent more members of the Class of 2018 than from the previous graduating class.



Earlier this year Peoria was ranked the fourth best place to find a job in America in 2018 by WalletHub.com, a personal finance outlet. The other top five cities included Chandler, Arizona, Scottsdale, Arizona, San Francisco, California and Gilbert, Arizona. To determine their rankings, WalletHub compared more than 180 U.S. cities across 26 key indicators of job-market strength. They range from job opportunities to employment growth to monthly average starting salary. Read the full study at <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-jobs/2173/>.

Update Your Voter Registration

Did you know that you must update your voter registration every time you move? You can update your voter registration online at www.servicearizona.com or in person at the Peoria City Clerk's Office inside City Hall at 8401 W. Monroe Street, Peoria, AZ 85345.

You can also verify your voter information online at <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvotingballot/voterregistrationlookup.aspx> or by phone with the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602-506-1511.

Contact the Peoria City Clerk's Office for more information at **623-773-7340**.

PEORIA 2018

25TH SEASON

PEORIA SPORTS COMPLEX

www.peoriasportscomplex.com

Volunteer Appreciation Day FEBRUARY 17

We celebrate any volunteer who gives their time to others with a postgame stroll around the bases!

Nurse Appreciation Day MARCH 5

Join us in recognizing those who work in the medical field with a pregame photo opportunity on the field!

Teacher Appreciation Day MARCH 12

Teachers are invited for a postgame catch with a co-worker, friend or family member on the stadium field!

Fan Appreciation Day MARCH 25

This day is all about fan engagement as fans can enter social media contests to win special prizes and activities!