

PEORIA NOW

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

Upcoming Events

Parkfest Barkfest

Sonoran Mountain Ranch Park
March 24, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dolly Sanchez Memorial Easter Egg Hunt

Peoria Sports Complex
March 31, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Peoria Arts and Cultural Festival

Old Town Peoria
April 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dolly Sanchez
42ND MEMORIAL
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 31
8 am - 12 pm
Peoria Sports Complex 16101 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria

FREE Admission & Parking

Pony & Train Rides, Games & FUN!

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Defining Peoria's Future

The role of a city manager can easily be described as a balancing act. After that, nothing about their role lands in the easy category. As the city's CEO, they bridge the gap between the political and administrative bodies of the city, oversee the operations of all personnel and departmental functions and carry out the policy decisions of the Mayor and Council. The right city manager is critical to the success of a municipality. Fortunately for Peoria, our city manager is Jeff Tyne.



At any moment, you can find Jeff spontaneously grabbing his guitar in his City Hall office, putting to use what he calls "a weird skill of picking up any tune on the piano or guitar" as a way to bring people together. On Tuesday afternoons, you may find him pouring over details of Peoria's city budget. On the weekends, you are likely to find him running on Sunrise Mountain, attempting improv comedy with his two teenage daughters or sitting in any one of Peoria's coffee houses reading essays. In this installment of "I am Peoria," I am featuring Jeff, a long-time resident and 20-year city of Peoria employee.

Jeff grew up in Newport Beach, in the pre-reality show era of Orange County. At a time before VW wagons were replaced by Porsches and burger joints were replaced by bistros, his life revolved around the water. His parents were involved in the education and non-profit fields and dinner table conversation often included the political issues of the day. His drive to perform work of meaning and value stems from those early years.

Jeff has a curiosity that drives his thirst to learn. Since he was young, he was fascinated with those history-making moments and decisions that alter entire societies. He is intrigued by finding force-multipliers that transform a program from satisfactory to flourishing. But the reason he cites for loving his job is: "Throughout the day, I interact with so many exceptional people: colleagues, citizens and stakeholders. New topics emerge, old subjects evolve. These exchanges allow me to reason globally and to grow personally. That's a cool job!"

A self-proclaimed "municipal junkie," no one understands the fiscal character of our city better than Jeff. He credits working in the city's finance and budget departments with preparing him to lead the city. His work during the Great Recession was extraordinary. Peoria was one of a few cities that did not have to cut programs and services, did not rely on employee furloughs or layoffs and did not emerge with debt. I am proud of his stewardship and am confident he will continue leading us through a financially-sound future.

Closer to home, Jeff has an undeniable passion for neighborhoods. We live in a day of lightning-fast digital communication when texting and social media posts often replace face-to-face interaction. This disconnect from one another can undermine the fabric of communities. Jeff is working to engage our citizens in new ways.

In a city as large as ours and one that is growing exponentially, I agree with Jeff's belief that we need to work hard to ensure neighborhoods are meaningfully connected. Over the next few years, Jeff and his staff will focus on seven key attributes of a best-in-class city: transportation, public safety, economic prosperity, the built and natural environments, arts and culture and parks and recreation.

I am proud to highlight Jeff in this segment of "I am Peoria," and I look forward to working with him to secure Peoria's brightest future for all our residents.

"I am Peoria" is part of a year-long series highlighting the special people who make Peoria a wonderful place to live, work and play.

– Mayor Cathy Carlat

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APRIL 2018

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PEORIA
Arts & Cultural
FESTIVAL
Presented by Valley Schools

**SATURDAY
APRIL 7**
8am-4pm in
Old Town Peoria
(Peoria and Grand Avenues)

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Volunteers Needed for the Building Board of Appeals

The city of Peoria is seeking qualified, citizen volunteers to fill vacancies on the Building Board of Appeals. This board renders technical interpretations of building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical codes. Two positions are available for candidates with any of the following qualifications:

- Registered architect or structural engineer
- Licensed electrical, mechanical, fire protection or plumbing contractor

If you have any of these qualifications, consider applying to serve on Peoria's Building Board of Appeals. Applications are available online at www.peoriaaz.gov/boards. If you have questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at **623-773-7340** or stop by the office at 8401 W. Monroe St.

Party for the Planet on April 21

Each year the city of Peoria hosts Party for the Planet in celebration of Earth Day. Party for the Planet includes two events – the River & Trail Clean Up and Planetpalooza. Join hundreds of volunteers at 6:30 a.m. for the River & Trail Clean Up to help the environment by picking up trash and debris along the New River Trail System, near 99th and Northern Avenues. In the evening, party at Planetpalooza, an Earth Day Festival at Westwing Park, located at 27100 N. Westwing Pkwy., from 4 to 8 p.m. The festival cultivates and celebrates the resources the environment has to offer through food, music, learning and family fun. Participants will learn to be more sustainable in daily life while also enjoying prizes, giveaways, handcrafted food, entertainment and food truck. For more information about these events, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.



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