

PEORIA NOW

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

Your Collection Day May Be Changing



In order to provide our citizens with the best quality of service, trash collection dates will be changing for some Peoria residents. The change will impact approximately one third of Peoria households. The new collection dates will go into effect on October 1, 2018. In early August, the city of Peoria will be sending postcards to homes that will be affected by this change. In addition, residents will receive hand-delivered flyers to ensure awareness of the schedule change.

If you would like to see if your trash collection dates will change, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Discovering Peoria's Rich History

Even though our history is all around us, in today's fast-paced society, where we zoom from one task to another, it can be difficult to slow down and appreciate the stories hidden in plain sight of those that lived here long before us.

Before downtown Peoria was home to the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, Lucidi Distilling Co., and Driftwood Coffee, the area was home to farming families living in harsh conditions and finding innovative ways to bring water to the unforgiving landscape. Farther north, the Sunrise Relief Mine was active and said to be "rich and full of golden promise." Nearby, the treasured Palo Verde Park and Ruins once served as a lively trading post for the earliest settlers of the Hohokam Tribes.

A man who knows this well is Peoria resident, local historian, and former Peoria Quality of Life Committee member, Mr. Howard Openlander. A self-professed history buff who prides himself on "enjoying history and nature," Howard has spent countless hours studying Peoria's history and serving as an advocate for our unique Sonoran Desert.

Having a great appreciation for the outdoors, and as a former member of an Archeological Society, Howard has enjoyed learning about Peoria's earliest inhabitants and their culture.

Illustrating the prehistoric culture of our City is the Palo Verde Park and Ruins, near 67th Avenue and Happy Valley Road. Listed in both the Arizona and National Registers of Historic Places, the park includes an open space preservation area, a modified preserve area, and an adjacent recreational park, which shares the story of how the earliest settlers of the Hohokam Tribes used the lands. We were proud to see that the Palo Verde Park was recently recognized by Governor Ducey's Archaeology Advisory Committee Awards in Public Archaeology.

Howard's interest also led him to the Sunrise Relief Mine near 91st Avenue and Happy Valley, which once served as an active mine in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and contributed to Arizona's rich legacy of gold mining. Preserving Sunrise Mountain was one of my greatest priorities as Mayor and a project I was proud to accomplish alongside City Council.

In downtown Peoria, a wonderful mix of old and new is in motion. With downtown revitalization efforts underway, your City leaders are working hard to preserve the charm and culture of Old Town Peoria, while paving way for future growth. We are proud to have several iconic sites listed on the National and Local Registers of Historic Places including the Peoria Central School, First Presbyterian Church, Peoria Woman's Club, and the Peoria Jail House. These sites serve as longstanding and cherished reminders of Peoria's beginnings.

Peoria's lands have a great story to tell, and by taking the time to learn more about these areas, we can understand the influence that those who came before us have on the lives we lead today. Through the preservation of our important assets and beautiful lands, we remain committed to carrying our incredible heritage with us and passing it along to future generations.

I want to hear your ideas on how to make our city an even better place to live. Share your ideas at mayor@peoriaaz.gov, or stay connected with me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



– Mayor Cathy Carlat

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COMING SOON

Download our FREE App:
The Peoria Reporter



With monsoon season still in full swing, the Peoria Reporter app is the easiest way to report an issue in the city of Peoria. You can report issues such as a water leak, traffic signal or streetlight outage, and more. This app is free to download and features a simple user interface that connects citizens with information about Peoria, as well as telephone numbers for city departments. The Peoria Reporter gives citizens an easy and convenient way to report concerns within their community. The app can be downloaded at the app store.

Watch Your Water Usage This Summer

Water use may increase in summer months. This increase is often the result of additional water used to maintain lawns and keep plants alive in our hot, dry environment. Pools lose water to evaporation during the warmer months as well, resulting in regular refills. Peoria customer service and meters staff work diligently to review water use from the monthly meter read and investigate higher than normal water use. If there is a sign of a potential leak or high water flow at the time of the meter inspection, the Peoria water meter technician will call the Customer Service Department right away and a representative will make attempts to contact the customer to report the findings.



Peoria staff are prepared to answer questions about high use and will work to make sure the meter reading equipment is functioning as expected. For more information, call **623-773-7160** to speak to a customer service representative. In addition, the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) Smart Home Water Guide offers step-by-step instructions on reading your meter and inspecting water devices on the property, such as performing a dye test to check for a toilet leak. The guide is available online at www.smarthomewatguide.org.

Maricopa County Elections are Coming up

Soon Peoria voters will consider candidates for the offices of mayor and councilmembers in the Acacia, Palo Verde and Pine Districts during the primary election on Aug. 28, 2018. To receive general election information updates from the county, text the word **JOIN** to **628-683**. For more information about Peoria candidates and elections, contact the City Clerk's Office at **623-773-7340** or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/elections.



OLD TOWN PEORIA AT PEORIA & GRAND AVENUES

FRIDAY
SEPT 28
5-10 PM
FREE NIGHT OF FUN!



SATURDAY
SEPT 29
2-10:30 PM
FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Fiesta del Pueblo Viejo
Car Show and Concert

Music, Car Show & Kids Activities!
Local bands Reality, Risqué & Eclecto Fenix

LIVE MUSIC!

Sheila E | Sunny Ozuna | Tierra
& the Sunliners