

# PEORIA NOW

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**OktoberFest  
Centennial Plaza**

**Oct. 5-6, 5-10 p.m.**



**G.A.I.N. Public Safety Night**

Pioneer Park

**Oct. 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**



**Explore the Library**

Peoria Main Library

**Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**



**Halloween Monster Bash**

Peoria Sports Complex

**Oct. 27, 5-9 p.m.**

For more information, visit  
[www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents)

## IS YOUR COLLECTION DAY CHANGING?

Beginning October 1, 2018, trash collection dates will change for approximately 20,000 residents, about one-third of all households in Peoria. Throughout the month of August, postcards were distributed to households affected by this change, and are being followed up with hand-delivered flyers, to ensure residents are prepared. This change allows staff to provide the best quality of service for residents, with minimal impact. To see if your collection dates are changing or to learn more visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste).

## PEORIA CELEBRATES PUBLIC SAFETY

As the Mayor of a fast-growing city that has progressed in a healthy, stable manner for 64 years, it is my priority to ensure that as we continue to grow, we do so in a way that maintains the exceptional standard of living that our residents know and expect, while paving the way for future generations.

Public safety is a critical component to the great quality of life that we all enjoy in Peoria. Your City Council works together to carry on the proud tradition of safe streets and secure neighborhoods.

Peoria's FY 2019 budget, which began July 2018, includes 12 new police department positions. It also includes new equipment and technology to be sure the organization's emphasis on data-driven and community-based policing stays in tact as we grow.

In line with our mission to provide top-notch public safety, I am proud to report that we recently received two distinguished awards related to the exceptional work of the Peoria Police Department.

After an extensive review process, the Peoria Police Department was awarded the Meritorious Advanced Accreditation for Law Enforcement with Excellence (Gold Standard) by a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.).

Agencies must meet a higher level of compliance and transparency to be awarded the Gold Standard Accreditation. It includes on-site evaluations, where outside assessors examine all aspects of the department, including policies, procedures, operations, and support services. Throughout this extensive review process, the CALEA assessors found the department to be in full compliance, while also recognizing key initiatives such as the department's recruitment plan, early intervention programs, and our nationally recognized United Community Action Network (UCAN) program, which brings community business, faith, and educational leaders together each month in support of a safe and healthy community.

After successfully completing their eighth accreditation and as one of only three Arizona cities awarded with this Gold Standard of policing, this recognition is reflective of the exceptional work that the men and women of the Peoria Police Department do every single day. I am proud to see our first responders acknowledged for their professional excellence and upholding the highest of standards in police work.

— Mayor Cathy Carlat

## G.A.I.N. PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT

Peoria's Police & Fire-Medical Departments, in partnership with Dignity Health, bring together family fun and safety education in one place as they host the 2018 G.A.I.N. Public Safety Night. Kids of all ages will enjoy the chance to get an up-close look at police cars, fire trucks, specialty emergency vehicles and equipment. Safety organizations will also be out with displays offering to show how to keep you and your family safe. There will also be bounce houses, face painting and more family friendly activities. This free event takes place Saturday, October 13 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Pioneer Community Park. For additional information about the event, call **623-773-7099**.

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods) started in 1998 as a cooler weather alternative to National Night Out, which is in August. The event is designed to bring all of the Peoria community together to promote a safe and family friendly city. Come join in a night of fun and get to know the first responders serving your neighborhood.



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COMING SOON

## OKTOBERFEST IN PEORIA



Join the fun and learn more about the Germanic culture at the 13th Annual Old World Oktoberfest. This annual event hosted by the Arizona Center for Germanic Cultures brings together the best of German food, music, entertainment and more for a multi-day celebration. Highlights include live music straight from Germany, polka dance contests, and of course the traditional stein-holding contest. This family friendly event takes place Oct. 5 and 6, from 5:00-6:00p.m. Admission is \$5 for those 21+, free for everyone else (including the car). For more information visit [www.peoriaoktoberfest.com](http://www.peoriaoktoberfest.com).

## OLD SMOKE DETECTOR? TIME TO UPGRADE

October is National Fire Prevention Month, a great time to stop and reflect on whether you are doing enough to protect yourself and your family from the dangers of fire. Many homeowners routinely check the battery life of their smoke detector to ensure they work properly but did you know that smoke detectors also expire?

The National Fire Protection Association, along with fire departments and smoke alarm manufacturers, recommend that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. After that time, smoke detectors may respond slower or not at all. This includes both hardwired and battery-powered smoke detectors. Studies have shown that the chance that smoke alarms will activate drops significantly each year after 10 years. If your home is at least that old, then it's time to replace your smoke detectors.

In addition, smoke alarms should be tested periodically according to the manufacturer's suggestions and cleaned out by blowing air or vacuuming. Replace the batteries once a year or if the alarm chirps. Some newer smoke alarms come with, or allow for the installation of, lithium batteries that will last up to 10 years in smoke alarms. This will save the hassle of changing batteries every year.

Peoria Fire-Medical has many programs to assist residents with their alarms, including providing free alarms, in-home education and battery replacement for those who are physically unable to do so themselves.

For more information on smoke alarms, contact the Peoria Fire-Medical Department at [kyle.layne@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:kyle.layne@peoriaaz.gov).



## PEORIA HOSTS FIRST FILM FESTIVAL

The city of Peoria is proud to announce the start of a brand new festival. In partnership with the Phoenix Film Foundation and the Phoenix Film Festival, the new Peoria Film Fest will bring the best of on-screen entertainment here to Peoria. This event will take place from October 19 to 21, 2018 at the Harkins Arrowhead Fountains 18 Theater. Over the course of three days, screenings will be held for a mix of both upcoming independent and studio releases. For the latest festival information, please visit [www.peoriafilmfest.com](http://www.peoriafilmfest.com)

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# HALLOWEEN MONSTER BASH

Saturday  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Peoria Sports Complex,  
16101 N. 83rd Avenue,  
Peoria, AZ