

PEORIANOW

www.peoriaaz.gov/news

JANUARY 2019



Stay Connected

TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

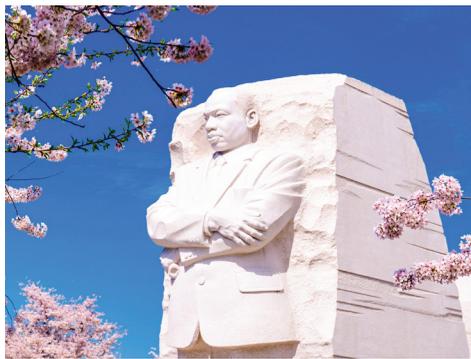
Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 21)

Monday, Jan. 21 moves to Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 moves to Wednesday, Jan. 23.

For the full 2019 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/holidaytrash.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY EVENTS

The city of Peoria is excited to host a very special guest for the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Walt Richardson, Arizona Music Hall of Famer, will bring his incredible reggae-rock show to Peoria. The afternoon is set to be an amazing one filled with music and dancing. He has been playing his own take on folk, reggae and rock in the local community for more than thirty years. This FREE concert is taking place from 2-5 p.m. in Centennial Plaza on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019. Each year, the city of Peoria, in partnership with the Peoria Diversity Committee, aim to create a community-centric event, which honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information about the event, call 623-773-7137 or visit peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.

PEORIA'S STORY BEGINS IN OLD TOWN

Peoria's historic downtown is where the story of Peoria's earliest settlers began and it's an area that I treasure greatly.

I've long said that we need to take a more aggressive approach to our plans for reviving our community's birthplace; and since being elected as Mayor, I've been proud to work alongside City Council to set Old Town Peoria on a path for a true resurgence. The vision for this area is unique and over the past few years, we have pursued a thoughtful strategy to elevate the district.

The strategy began with targeted land acquisitions and improvements to the Washington Street block, directly across from the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts (PCPA). The City purchased most of the properties on this significant block so that they could be marketed to the private, commercial users that will complement the area.

Also, a program called Adaptive Reuse and Redevelopment was put in place for the area. I'm proud to share that this was a compelling invitation for the Lucidi Distilling Company to transform and invigorate the original Peoria Fire Station Number 1 building. Since then, the 100-year-old Edwards Hotel has been purchased, and we're told the new private owner has plans to restore this hotel into a historic Peoria destination. This past year, we also welcomed Driftwood Coffee, while the Peoria Town Center has added improvements and new tenants.

Nearby, we are also proud to welcome Maricopa Integrated Health Systems (MIHS) – soon to be known as Valleywise Health, that has already begun construction at Cotton Crossing and Grand Avenue. Their \$70 million medical facility will provide high quality jobs and access to state of the art and compassionate medical services to our residents, in addition to fueling the economic success of the area.

In addition to welcoming new businesses, we have undertaken a targeted effort to work with property owners to remove blighted and dangerous buildings that present public safety hazards.

Old Town Peoria is developing as a center for culture and arts as we continue to offer more upgrades and programming. In fact, you may have noticed many new events in the area over the past year. Complementing the wonderful Theater Works programming inside PCPA, Peoria's event line-up includes a variety of live-music/entertainment and food options for the entire family. For a full list of events, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents. We want Peoria's historic downtown to be both a destination and point of pride for our residents and beyond. Events and new artwork - like the murals, planters, and full-size music instruments, add to the unique and fun energy that our residents have long asked for.

As a local government, we recognize that we can't revitalize an entire area on our own. Even so, as we continue to plan for and mold our future, we look forward to working alongside the many business owners in our community – and those yet to come – to help this area realize its fullest potential.

I want to hear your thoughts 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





FEBRUARY 2019

COMING SOON

TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

Presidents Day (February 18)
 Monday, Feb. 18 moves to Tuesday, Feb. 19.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19 moves to Wednesday, Feb. 20.

For the full 2019 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/holidaytrash.

IMPORTANT RECYCLING TIPS

Peoria is experiencing high recycling contamination. Improper recycling can jam the sorting machinery at the waste processing center. Some things to keep in mind:

- DO NOT recycle plastic bags or wrappers
- Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid
- Never bag recyclables
- No yard waste (call for curbside pickup!)

NEW RECREATION SOFTWARE LAUNCHING

For more than 18 years, the city has been utilizing RecConnect as its digital platform for recreation programs, but this year is different. In January, Peoria introduced a new online portal for all things recreation, Rec Place.

While the name and look may be new, all the functions of the old platform will still be present, offering a one-stop shop for residents. Rec Place will allow individuals to search, learn about and enroll in all types of recreation activities, from youth to adult. Users will also be able to make account payments with an eligible debit/credit card and add new payment cards for easier checkout. The new payment application is still fully encrypted and PCI-DSS compliant to ensure personal information is kept secure.

Residents who have completed a transaction in the last 18 months will be sent an email with instructions on how to access their new account in the system. All other customers are encouraged to create an account in the new system. Any existing credits will roll over to the new account and can be seen when checking out. Users who wish to register a new account in-person can do so at any one of Peoria's customer service counters at the Rio Vista Recreation Center, Peoria Community Center or administration office.

The city recognizes the ever-changing world of technology and strives to ensure that all digital offerings are not only up-to-date, but also secure and easy to navigate. If there are questions about the new system, call 623-773-7137 Monday – Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PEORIA IS THE PLACE

Observant eyes may have noticed there's something different about this issue....it's in color! This marks the very first color edition for the PeoriaNOW newsletter in its six years of existence. The makeover is one of many changes for the city as it embarks upon a new identity initiative. "Peoria is the Place" tells the story of the city by using iconic city images coupled with words gathered from residents. It is the direct result of feedback from Peoria residents and employees. "How do you feel about your city?" was a question posed and the responses seemed to all start with one phrase: "Peoria is the place..."



Residents will see the new identity in city buildings, communications, social media and, hopefully, will begin to adopt and use it themselves. The initiative kicked off in December. Additionally, Peoria will be offering new merchandise for residents to showcase their pride in the online Zazzle store at https://www.zazzle.com/peoria_az.

Learn more at www.peoriaaz.gov/theplace.

SPRING TRAINING
ARZ 2019
CACTUS LEAGUE

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

TICKETS.COM

800•677•1227

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SPRING 2019 TRAINING					FEB 22 OAK 1:10p	23 SD 1:10p
24 CWS 1:10p	25 CIN 1:10p	26 TEX 1:10p	27 ARI 6:40p	28 CWS 1:10p	MAR 1 MIL 1:10p	2 SF 1:10p
3 ARI 1:10p	4 CLE 1:10p	5 SEA 1:10p	6 OAK 6:40p	7 TEX 1:10p	8 CHI 6:40p	9 CIN 6:40p
10 CLE 1:10p	11 KC 6:40p	12 OAK 6:40p	13 SF 6:40p	14 LAD 6:40p	15	16 KC 1:10p
17 LAA 1:10p	18 SEA 12:10p	19 SD 12:10p	20 MIL 1:10p	21 CIN 6:40p	22 LAA 6:40p	23 LAA 1:10p
24 CHI 12:10p	MARINERS HOME GAME			PADRES HOME GAME		

■ PROSPECT SERIES GAMES

www.peoriasportscomplex.com