

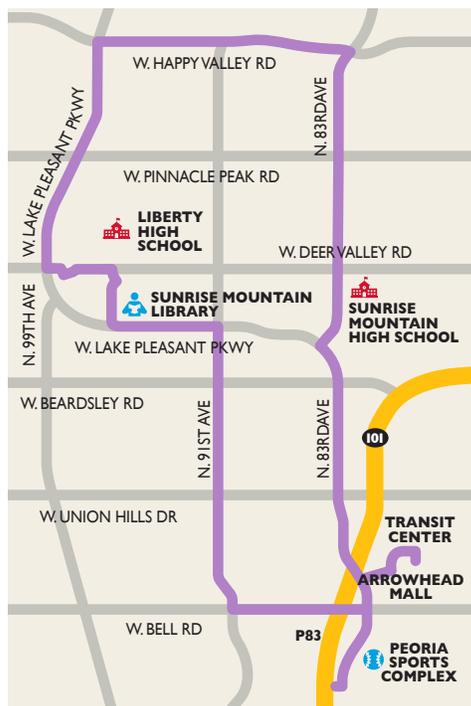
FREE BUS COMES TO NORTH PEORIA

Peoria on the Go is a new bus route that will start on April 22, 2019. This bus route will be Peoria's first circulator. A circulator is a bus service that is available to residents and visitors, connecting neighborhoods with local services and activity centers.

POGO will be free (no fare charged) and will operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. While the buses are owned by Peoria, the service will be operated through a contract with Valley Metro. The bus will pick up and drop off at bus stops located along the route. Anyone needing a ride can go to the bus stop and wait for a bus. Buses will run bi-directionally which means a bus will be operating on the route in each direction. Service will be provided every 30 minutes.

Buses are wheelchair accessible and have bike racks.

For more information, visit www.valleymetro.org or contact Valley Metro at **602-253-5000**.



BUILDING A CITY

Good things are happening in Peoria. I hear it on our streets and I hear it from peers all across the Valley. Good things are happening because your City leadership is working diligently every single day to help our community realize its finest future.

We realize our finest future isn't about a single area or a single action. It's an ongoing effort to build a complete city - from north to south and east to west. A city that is better today than it was yesterday and better tomorrow than it is today. I'm proud to see this realized with each passing day.

The City of Peoria operates under the Principles of Sound Financial Management to assure stable fiscal policies and a balanced budget every year. As we head into our budget season, we remain committed to ensuring your hard-earned tax dollars are stretched to the fullest and used for the benefit of those who call Peoria home.

Public safety remains one of our top priorities. Our first responders are among the best of the best. These individuals have devoted their lives to protecting ours, and it is through their commitment that we are able to enjoy a safe and secure community.

Your City Council is committed to the outstanding quality of life we have come to know in Peoria. We prioritize exceptional public services, systems, and facilities. Our roadways are thoughtfully constructed and carefully maintained, which ensures Peoria families get where they need to in a safe and timely manner. In addition, we take care to protect our precious water resources through sensible water policies; and with a continued focus to operate in an environmentally responsible way, we ensure that safe drinking water is always available.

While these examples are only a few ways that we serve Peoria families every day, they are some of our most important responsibilities. Of course, building a city that offers opportunity and joy calls for more than just safety and security. It calls for the creation of a "whole community" where residents can live, work, and play right in their hometown.

Creating an elevated quality of life requires vision; and importantly, unwavering perseverance to bring life to the vision. As we work to elevate every aspect of the incredible jewel that is our city, we do so with careful and unwavering perseverance to ensure it is done right; and at the same time, to ensure it attracts the kind of private investment that our residents want. This takes time. And it takes patience. Traits that can be difficult in a fast-moving community.

As we build a complete city, know that Council and I remain committed to upholding the high standards of our city, while creating a hometown of which we can all be proud.

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

PEORIA NOW

MAY 2019

COMING SOON

EXPLORE-TO-GO! AT PEORIA LIBRARIES

Peoria Public Libraries offer much more than just books. The new Explore-To-Go kits offer games and activities available for check out, just like a book.

Explore-To-Go Kits are perfect for playing in the park. Each library has yoga mats, croquet sets, cornhole games, and disc golf. Patrons can check one out at their local Peoria Public Library and enjoy them while at one of Peoria's beautiful parks!

Another type of Explore-To-Go kit will be available later this summer and will focus on learning. Patrons can check out a kit that will include a hands-on learning component, DVDs, books, and workbooks on many different subjects. These include but aren't limited to geology, anatomy, robotics, sewing, electronics, woodworking, weather, and forensics.

WATCH YOUR KIDS AROUND WATER

It's that time of year--time to fire up the BBQ, invite over some friends and head out to the pool. Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when we see an increase in drowning incidents.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in children, and most importantly, drowning incidents are preventable. By strictly following some simple rules, you can ensure your family has a fun summer and a safe one, too.

Nothing replaces constant eye-to-eye supervision of children. When you turn your back, shift your attention, start a conversation or check your phone--this is when the drowning will occur. The simplest thing you can do to prevent a drowning is keep 100 percent of your attention on your children when you are around water.

Make sure to block access to pools. Walk the perimeter of the house and look for ways a child can gain access to the pool. Make sure the pool fence is self-locking and latching. Look for household items children can use to climb the fence and make sure children can't open low handled doors or squeeze through doggie doors.

Lastly, make sure to teach your children to swim. Swim lessons can begin as early as 6 months old. Swim lessons are offered by the City of Peoria beginning in March and the cost for Peoria residents is just \$20 for a two-week lesson session.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR SUMMER CAMP

Need to keep your kids busy for the summer? Check out the city of Peoria's summer camp. Summer camp is an extension of the AM/PM program with field trips and activities that keep children busy throughout the day, in a safe and secure environment.

Children between the ages of 5 and 14 years old are welcome to participate. The fee per child is \$27 per day or \$105 per week. The fees include daily field trips, breakfast, AM & PM snacks and lunch.

There will be 4 premium field trips (Stratum Laser Quest, AZ Science Center, Amazing Jakes and Odyssey) which will have a \$10 trip fee. The camp begins at the end of the school year and runs through Aug. 1. Summer camp will be available Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Peoria's summer camp is licensed by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Economic Security (DES) funding is available. For more information, call **623-773-7137** or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/summeryouthprograms.



*Today a Reader,
Tomorrow a Leader!*

Read at least
20 minutes a day
from June 1 to
August 1 for
chances to win
great prizes!

Visit www.peoriaaz.gov/library
for more program information

