

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Arts & Cultural Festival**  
Old Town Peoria  
**Mar. 30, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.**



**Party for the Planet**  
Rio Vista Community Park  
**Apr. 13, 7-10 a.m.**



**Dolly Sanchez Easter Egg Hunt**  
Peoria Sports Complex  
**Apr. 20, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

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## SMART PLANNING SECURES FUTURE WATER SUPPLY

One of the biggest challenges facing the state of Arizona today is our water future. News media has reported extensively on the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), and on Thursday, Jan. 31 Governor Doug Ducey signed Arizona's commitments to the DCP into law.

This Colorado River shortage applies only to cities that take Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. Peoria is one of those cities, but that is not the only water that supplies our city. We take approximately one third of our water from CAP, one third from wells, and one third from Salt River Project. While those diverse sources are a safeguard for our residents, Arizona will receive less Colorado River water under the DCP than it does now, because a declared shortage is still likely in 2020.



Based on long-term policies, cuts in Colorado River water delivered via the CAP canal will be felt first by farmers, and only later by cities. The tiered shortage levels will be determined by water level elevations in Lake Mead. The second tier will probably occur in 2021, but only some cities will experience any reductions in CAP deliveries. In a Tier 3 shortage, which may occur as early as 2023, if there is no change to the drought conditions, Peoria would see diminished deliveries of CAP water.

These severe cuts are intended to bring the demand for water closer to the actual supply, which has been declining for the last two decades. Lake Mead was full in 1999, but water levels have dropped almost every year since then. The DCP is an attempt to slow the decline, and stabilize water level elevations by taking less water out. Arizona takes the first cuts because of its junior status in the priority system of all the states that use the Colorado River, set by a long history of legal fights and negotiations over the water supply.

In order to garner the political support in the legislature that allowed passage of the joint resolution, the impacts to agriculture under a Tier 1 shortage had to be mitigated. Farmers in Pinal County demanded water from other sources to replace the shorted deliveries of CAP water, as well as money to construct new wells and infrastructure to replace that CAP water long term. Several measures were agreed upon as part of the implementation framework, and Peoria plays a role in several of them.

The bills to enable the full implementation of these and other mitigation measures are still in process at the Legislature. The important thing is that these mitigation measures secured the political support to allow Arizona to sign on to the DCP. This buys Arizona time-time to stabilize Lake Mead, time to negotiate new shortage levels with the other states, and time to figure out how to bring the water used by all sectors and states to match the water available in the Colorado River system. Reality has changed, and we must adapt.

– Mayor Cathy Carlat

**PARTY FOR THE PLANET**  
Join us for a month-long celebration!

**Activities to Include:**

- \* Earth Day Activities at the Libraries
- \* Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- \* Plastic Bag Challenge #PeoriaPBC
- \* Tree Planting for Arbor Day
- \* Sustainable U Workshops

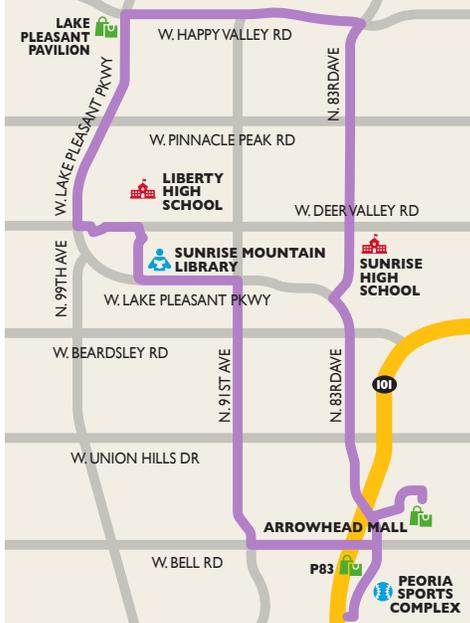
**New River & Trail Clean Up**  
April 13, 7 - 10 a.m.  
Rio Vista Community Park  
8866 W Thunderbird Rd.

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Where Residents Connect

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## KEEPING PEORIA BEAUTIFUL

April is the month when many take time to stop and reflect on the fragility of our planet. Throughout the month, people from across the globe take part in clean-up efforts, reforestation initiatives and other forms of celebrating nature. Peoria recognizes the important role we play in the responsible cleanup of our community. The city's public works and sustainability teams work closely together to ensure residents have options when it comes to disposing of various types of waste. Two of these programs include the curbside recycling pickup and the household hazardous waste pickup. Here's what you need to know!

### Household Hazardous Waste Program

Hazardous Waste can cause injuries to solid waste employees, spark fires in the trucks and is also harmful to the environment. The city of Peoria will collect hazardous waste from your home three times a year, for free! If you are interested in making an appointment for pickup, visit [peoriaaz.gov/HHW](http://peoriaaz.gov/HHW) or call us at **623-773-7836**. Review the list of restrictions online prior to requesting an appointment.

### Recycling Program

Contamination in the recycle container can ruin an entire load of good recyclables. It is important that trash and non-recyclables are kept out of the recycle container. Please contact us with your recycling questions [recycling@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:recycling@peoriaaz.gov).



Pony & Train Rides, Games & FUN!

FREE Admission & Parking

Candy Hunts Ages 10 & under

something for every bunny!

## Dolly Sanchez

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# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20

8 am - 12 pm

Peoria Sports Complex  
16101 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria

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