

## TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28)

Thursday, Nov. 28 moves to Friday, Nov. 29.

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**For the full 2019 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/holidaytrash](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/holidaytrash).**

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED

The City offices and facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019.

Both city libraries will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

RioVista Recreation Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, and will operate from 5 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29.

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

## NOVEMBER BREAK CAMPS

Peoria Unified School District schools will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-29. If you are looking for childcare for your school-aged children, you can register them for the AM/PM Thanksgiving Break Camp. The hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For \$27 a day, your child will be in a safe environment where they get to enjoy arts and crafts, group games and field trips. The field trips for this year include Laser Quest and Tolmachoff Farms. The daily fee also includes breakfast and two snacks. At the break camp, your kids are guaranteed to have a fun filled three days before the Thanksgiving festivities begin.

For more information or to register online, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/breakcamps](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/breakcamps).

## PEORIA, A CITY WITH HEART

Quality of life is a top priority for the city of Peoria.

It is embodied in our safe neighborhoods, reliable transportation and water systems, beautiful parks, and pristine open spaces. We take pride in being a community of distinction, and we recognize these elements are among the top reasons why people want to live in our city.

As we work to uphold these standards, council and I continue to look for ways to increase the richness and vibrancy of who we are. I like to think of these efforts as building what I call a “complete city.”

A complete city has a heart and soul. It is filled with livable spaces where we can grow together, celebrate together, and form the memories and bonds that last a lifetime. We want Peoria families and friends to have opportunities to connect and spaces to gather, and I am thrilled to know that we continue to raise the bar through new partnerships and events.

By collaborating with the Vistancia Community this past October, we were proud to offer the first Vistancia Jazz Fest. This free community event included live jazz music, food trucks featuring New Orleans cuisine, a beer and wine garden, and a complete kid zone.

Of course, the Peoria Sports Complex and P83 Entertainment District are always buzzing with activity. Our second annual Peoria Film Festival – a fantastic partnership with the Phoenix Film Foundation – featured a four-day festival with groundbreaking films and extraordinary artistic talent.

Over at the stadium, the free Food Truck Movie Night events have become a staple for many families. There is something special about sitting under the stars in the middle of a ball field, watching a Hollywood hit on a 2,100-square-foot, high-definition scoreboard surrounded by family and friends.

In the heart of OldTown Peoria, we recently kicked off another new event series called Second Saturdays. Held from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, these free events include live musical performances, outdoor games, art, custom photo opportunities, local vendors, and food trucks. The events also include themed pop-up restaurants, offering guests the opportunity to enjoy a gourmet culinary experience cooked by a professional chef for \$30.

The unique events that we offer are tailored to meet the diverse needs and interests of our expanding community. They are here to bring value and joy, they are here to unite us, and they are here to enhance the lives of those who call Peoria home.

For additional information about Peoria’s upcoming events, including Second Saturdays, the OldTown Holiday Festival, and spring training, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents).

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](mailto:mayor@peoriaaz.gov), or stay connected with me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



# PEORIA NOW

DECEMBER 2019

COMING SOON

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Old Town Holiday Festival**  
Dec. 14\*  
4:30-9:30 p.m.  
Old Town Peoria  
\*NEW DATE



**Second Saturdays**  
Dec. 14  
4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Old Town Peoria

## HELP THE ELVES WORKSHOP

Bring your little elves out to the Peoria Main Library on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. for the third annual Help the Elves Workshop.

Children begin their North Pole adventures in the Activity Room where they can craft scrumptious reindeer cookies using chocolate frosting, red M&M's and pretzels. Or, they can decorate an ornament cookie with vanilla frosting, M&M's, sprinkles and Rolos. Kids may then head over to the Maker Space tables for some fun Holiday crafts and activities.

The event is free with all supplies donated by the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit the library's webpage [www.library.peoriaaz.gov](http://www.library.peoriaaz.gov).

## EVERY ONE COUNTS IN THE CENSUS 2020

The Census 2020 is rapidly approaching and we need your help to ensure we have an accurate count in Peoria. As a city, our budget comes from state-shared revenue based on population. Services such as police and fire, hospitals and schools all depend on an accurate census count; each person counted is worth \$3,000 in public services.

The census begins in March 2020; you can participate in one of three ways: first, by responding online using a postcard shipped via the mail; second, via a phone survey; or third, via a paper survey you will fill out and return through the mail.

We need your help to ensure an accurate census count for our city!

You may obtain more information online at [www.peoriaaz.gov/census](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/census).

## RECYCLING 101



Did you know that non-recyclable items can contaminate your recycle container? Placing the wrong items in your recycle container can compromise an entire truckload of material, which in turn can affect the cost of solid waste services, negatively affect the environment and create unsafe working conditions.

After a container is picked up, it is brought to a sorting facility where it is examined for non-recyclable items. At this point, if a particular load contains a high level of contaminants, the load could be at risk for rejection. It is important that correct recycling guidelines are followed.

### Recyclable items:

- Cardboard
- Mail
- Beverage cans
- Plastic jugs
- Glass bottles
- Food cans

### Non-recyclable items:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Yard waste
- Used napkins and paper towels
- Diapers
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Styrofoam

Contact Peoria's Solid Waste team with any questions at 623-773-7160 or [recycling@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:recycling@peoriaaz.gov). You may also visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/recycle](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/recycle) to view more information and download a free activity-coloring book for kids.

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IMPORTANT INFO  
YOU NEED ALL  
YEAR LONG!



**Learn to Recycle the Right Way**  
**Save Water and Money Every Day**  
**Inspiration to Make a More Sustainable YOU!**  
**New Bulk Trash and Holiday Collection Schedules**