

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Somos Peoria**  
Sept. 28  
2-10:30 p.m.  
Old Town Peoria



**Explore the Library**  
October 19  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Main Library and patio area



**Country Music Fest**  
October 19  
2-10 p.m.  
Pleasant Harbor at  
Lake Pleasant



**Peoria Film Fest**  
October 10-13  
Harkins Theatres



**Halloween Monster  
Bash**  
October 26  
5-9 p.m.  
Peoria Sports Complex

## THE PEORIA FILM FEST RETURNS



The Peoria Film Fest returns October 10-13, 2019! The team behind the nationally recognized Phoenix Film Festival brings upcoming new releases and independent films to the City of Peoria. This gives Peoria residents a great opportunity to check out new movies and learn a little bit about how they're made. All screenings are held at Harkins Arrowhead Fountains with parties on Opening Night and Saturday within walking distance of the theatre. Plus, this year, we're adding a new free family movie event on Saturday, October 12th. You can find more information at [PeoriaFilmFest.com](http://PeoriaFilmFest.com) and you can also find the festival on Facebook @PeoriaFilmFest. Don't miss this exciting movie event!

## CENSUS 2020

When I was first elected to represent Peoria citizens nearly 15 years ago, the City of Peoria's population was nearing 130,000 residents and our city was growing by the day. We were in the midst of the housing boom and our economy was thriving. People wanted to live in our city and Peoria was exploding with new home and commercial developments.

More than a decade later, Peoria continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in the region. As we continue to work towards serving our developing community to the fullest, it is important that we have all of the tools and resources necessary to do this.

Every ten years, each city in the state participates in the U.S. Census. Census Day is April 1, 2020 and as we gear up for this important process, there has already been a great deal of political rhetoric about what the census is and how the information is used. Accurate census counts are directly tied to the funding streams that affect the quality of life of each Peoria resident. This is far too important to base actions on inaccurate statements that crowd the airwaves, the internet, and the evening news.

It's important to know the facts:

The Census in America is as old as our Country itself and was outlined by our Founding Fathers in the United States Constitution to ensure federal and state governments properly distribute funds for things like public safety, transportation, education, and even social services.

The Census is a safe, secure, and completely confidential process. The information that you provide for your household is not accessible by outside organizations and cannot be used by the courts or by law enforcement.

The Census allows our city to receive its fair share of more than \$675 billion in federal funding that is distributed to communities across the nation. In Peoria, these dollars make a big difference in the quality of life that we enjoy. In fact, state shared revenues make up nearly one-third of our general fund. Last year this amounted to nearly \$44 million directly to our city.

Census dollars help fund and run our police and fire departments, they support our trash and recycle collection, and among other essential services, these dollars support the maintenance on our roads, sidewalks, and intersections. Outside of the financial impact, knowing our growth trends gives us a real-time perspective of what we can expect for our future.

In the coming months, residents will start to see and hear more about Census 2020. By April 2020, every household in the United States will receive an invitation to participate in the census online, by phone, or by mail. When it comes time to complete this important count, my hope is that residents remember, and base their response, on the facts and the purpose of the census.

Every day, Council and I are working hard to bring value to those who call Peoria home. Accurate census counts help ensure we receive our fair share of federal and state dollars, helping keep your hard earned tax dollars here in the community that you proudly call home.

To learn more about Census 2020, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/census](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/census).

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.

Mayor Cathy Carlat





**OCTOBER 2019**

**COMING SOON**

### **FREE MUSIC AND FUN ON 2ND SATURDAYS**

If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday each month, make a point to take a trip out to Old Town Peoria for 2nd Saturday. Starting on October 12 and continuing on every second Saturday through the fall and winter, you can enjoy a night out in the heart of Peoria.

The events will be held at the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, in Osuna Park, and in front of Lucidi's Distillery. As Old Town Peoria continues to develop its arts and culture, more events will be offered in this prime central Peoria location.

The first event takes place on Saturday, October 12, from 4:30-7:30 pm. Located outside of the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, there will be outdoor games and live music and food trucks to enjoy.

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

## **COUNTRY MUSIC FEST TO ROCK PEORIA**

Grab your cowboy boots and head to Lake Pleasant on Saturday, October 19 for a rocking good time. The first Annual Peoria Country Music Fest will be hosted by the City of Peoria and Dillon's Restaurant and will feature music from four live bands.

Aside from the music, there will be bull riding, corn hole and a cigar lounge. Attendees can enjoy a meal from one of the many food trucks and an adult beverage from the beer garden.

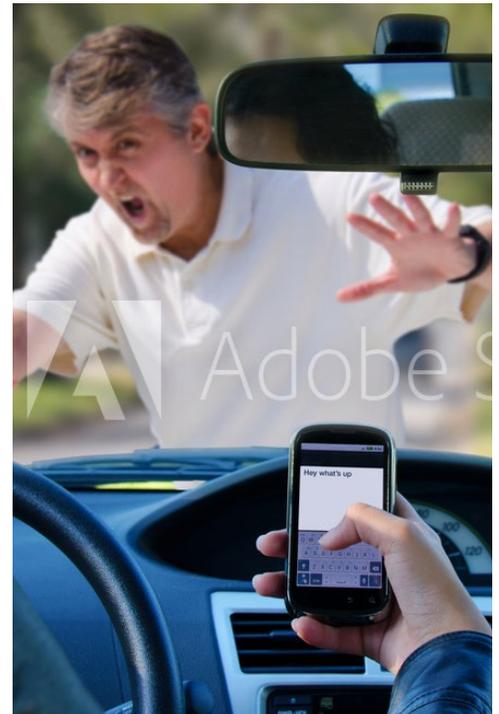
Tickets for the event can be purchased online, with adult tickets priced at \$15, kids 12 and under are \$5. If you would like to make the experience a weekend getaway, there are camping options available including full hook-up campsites and dry camping spaces. For more information, to purchase tickets or to make camping reservations visit [www.pleasantharbor.com](http://www.pleasantharbor.com).

## **ARIZONA PROHIBITS THE USE OF PORTABLE DEVICES WHILE DRIVING**

Due to the overwhelming amount of fatal car crashes involving distracted drivers, the Governor of Arizona signed in to law HB 2318. The law prohibits drivers from using a Portable Communication Device while driving.

Prior to signing the ordinance, Arizona, Montana and Missouri were the only states that had not prohibited texting while driving. With Arizona signing the law, this makes us the 48th state to ban texting. Drivers who are in a moving car are unable to read, write or send any text messages or any text based communication.

Citations for distracted drivers can be issued beginning January 1, 2021. However, law enforcement can issue a warning to distracted drivers and provide information about the risks of distracted driving.



# **HALLOWEEN MONSTER BASH**

**Saturday Oct 26th**  
**5 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Avenue, Peoria, AZ**

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