

UPCOMING EVENTS



PCPA Music Series GRL PWR

Mar. 17, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Peoria Center for the
Performing Arts



AZ Rockabilly Bash

Mar. 27-28
Pleasant Harbor at
Lake Pleasant



Peoria Arts and Cultural Festival

Mar. 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Osuna Park and
Old Town Peoria



CENSUS 2020 IS COMING

The Peoria census counts will begin on April 1. The city of Peoria's budget comes from revenue that is based on population. Your city's parks, roads, schools, hospitals, police and fire depend on the outcome. Each person counted is worth \$3,000 in city services. Make sure you count! Visit www.peoriaaz.gov/census for more information.

PEORIA READS: A GREAT WAY TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER

There is something enchanting about libraries.

There is a sense of calm and wonder that overcomes me when I walk in these peaceful places. While the tranquil setting never fails to comfort, Peoria's libraries are bursting with energy and excitement—ready to satisfy curiosity and our desire to explore and connect.

This year, Peoria's library system is celebrating its 100-year anniversary.

In 1920, more than three decades before Peoria incorporated as a city and long before Peoria was known as the No. 1 Place to Live in the United States, some of Peoria's earliest pioneers donated their books and their time to create our first library collection at the Peoria Women's Club.

With cotton, citrus fruits, and watermelon visible from most of Peoria's unmarked dirt roads, the library became a place where family, friends, and neighbors gathered for knowledge and camaraderie. The collection became one of the earliest libraries in the Maricopa County Public Library System and in 1975 relocated to Peoria City Hall.

Peoria is proud to be home to two state of the art libraries: the Peoria Main Library, located on Monroe Avenue at the Peoria City Hall Campus, and the Sunrise Mountain Library, located north of Lake Pleasant Parkway on 98th Avenue. With the support of the Friends of the Peoria Public Library (FPPL), a non-profit dedicated to inspiring a passion for literacy and learning, our libraries are serving thousands of families and visitors each year.

Today, our libraries are dynamic, innovative, multipurpose community centers carefully designed to serve our needs today, while preparing us for the future. You will find information in print, e-book and audio formats, technology for all ages, and interactive spaces for learning and collaboration. Peoria's libraries are enriching our community in extraordinary ways.

In celebration of a century of service, our libraries are offering even more activities and events this year, beginning with the 1920s, which kicked off in February. Each month will be themed and residents will have the opportunity to enjoy movies, books, and games tailored for this momentous mile stone. Visit www.peoriaaz.gov/library for additional details.

This summer, I will also kick off my summer reading program: Peoria READS! Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader. I created this program to help encourage a passion for reading with our future leaders and it has been inspiring to see so many young residents share in our love of reading. Program details will be announced late May.

Peoria's libraries are a tremendous point of pride for our community. And while these carefully curated spaces still hold that common scent of old books and you'll still hear the faint whisper of hushed voices, our libraries are vibrant, engaging, and here to enrich your life.

I want to hear your ideas 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

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PEORIA NOW

APRIL 2020

COMING SOON



Lanterns on the Lake

Apr. 4, 4-9:30 p.m.
Pleasant Harbor at
Lake Pleasant



Shakespeare in the Park

Apr. 4, 6-9 p.m.
Centennial Plaza



Dolly Sanchez Memorial Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 11, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Peoria Sports Complex



Second Saturday

Apr. 11, 4:30-8:30 p.m.
PCPA Plaza and
Old Town Peoria



PCPA Music Series Voulez-Vous

Apr. 13, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Peoria Center for the
Performing Arts

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The city of Peoria offers residents a chance to participate in revitalizing their neighborhoods through the Neighborhood Pride Program. The program is designed to help established neighborhoods maintain their appearance and value. The program is a work effort between the city and volunteers to offer assistance to homeowners for improving their properties. Improvements can include painting, fixing fences and replacing gravel.

The city of Peoria's program is so successful, it won first place last year in Neighborhood USA's competition for Best Neighborhood Program in the USA in the Physical Revitalization/Beautification category.

If you would like to nominate your non-HOA neighborhood for a Neighborhood Pride project, email communityengagement@peoriaaz.gov or contact Colleen Iliff at 623-773-7667. The deadline for the FY21 program is April 30.

START SWIM LESSONS IN THE SPRING



Now is the time to teach your children the basics of swimming and water safety. Teaching your child to swim is a vital part of water safety and can begin as early as six months. For just \$25 for residents, children can take a two-week swim lesson at the level appropriate to their skills. Registration for spring swim lessons begins on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 a.m. for residents and March 12 for non-residents. The first session begins on March 23 for weekday lessons and March 28 for weekend lessons. One-on-one lessons and adaptive lessons are also available. For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics.

HOP INTO HEALTHY HABITS AT RIO VISTA RECREATION CENTER



This spring is a great opportunity to hop in to the Rio Vista Recreation Center for fun family time. With one-third of children in America overweight, what better way to encourage healthy living than by exercising together. Sharing active play with your family is not just a good way to get your heart pumping and burn calories, it's also a terrific way to build family bonds.

Rio Vista offers something for everyone, including a 25-foot climbing wall, indoor walking track, basketball gymnasium, free group exercise classes for members and kid-fit activities every Monday and Wednesday evening. The facility also has table space for homework or a classic game of checkers.

When you play ping-pong, pass a basketball, or join in a dodgeball party, you're creating memories your child will treasure someday—memories of times you spent laughing and simply enjoying each other's company. For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/riovista.

Dolly Sanchez
44TH MEMORIAL
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 11
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Peoria Sports Complex
16101 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria