

UPCOMING EVENTS



Explore the Library

Peoria Main Library
Oct. 17
10 a.m. - Noon



Curiouser & Curiouser

Sept. 10 - Oct. 18
PCPA



Halloween Monster Bash

Oct. 24



Don't forget!
Election Day is
Tuesday, Nov. 3!



BE A RECYCLING WIZARD

The recyclables collected from Peoria's curbside recycling program are essential to making new products that supply the everyday needs of hospitals, grocery stores, pharmacies, and Peoria households. Contamination in the recycle container can ruin an entire load of good recyclables. The Recycle Right Wizard will allow residents to search more than 40,000 products to determine if they belong in the recycle or trash containers. Residents can also test their recycling knowledge by playing the city of Peoria's new Recycle Right Sorting Game and building their own sustainable park! To learn more about what items are acceptable for recycling, visit the Recycle Right Wizard at www.peoriaaz.gov/recycle. Together we can recycle right.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE HEART OF PEORIA

It's hard to believe that fall is upon us. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were moving into spring with excitement for the year while job growth, our housing market, and our economy flourished. Of course, March also brought an abrupt shift to each of our lives; and for many, great uncertainty. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the city of Peoria jumped into action to preserve the health and safety of our residents and employees, while protecting the first responders and essential workers that maintain our services of necessity.

But, our small business community took a hard hit. With temporary closures, employment reductions, capacity restrictions, and physical distancing guidelines, the coronavirus pandemic created unprecedented disruptions to small businesses throughout our country.

Small businesses are the foundation of the American economy, making up more than 99% of businesses across the United States. Built and nurtured by our family, friends, and neighbors, small businesses employ millions of people and account for nearly half of the American workforce.

The city of Peoria worked to minimize the long-term effects of the economic downturn through the distribution of state and federal CARES Act dollars to Peoria's "Main Street" business community. To date, Peoria has distributed more than \$1 million in relief grant funding. Despite this support, small businesses continue to experience hardships and financial fragility.

Small businesses create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve the character of our community. Outside of these valuable benefits, small businesses support local communities through the sales tax dollars they help create. In Peoria, these dollars go directly into the general fund to cover core services like police, fire, libraries, parks, and recreation programs.

Cities throughout our nation are able to thrive due to the contributions of small businesses and it is imperative that they survive the economic shock created by this worldwide pandemic.

As we move into fall, we have an opportunity to reflect on the far-reaching impact of these businesses, while making it a priority to support the industries that contribute to the unique character of our city. I encourage Peoria residents to make every effort to shop small and support local establishments now and throughout this holiday season. When you do, the dollars you contribute provide support to the quality of life and services that we all proudly enjoy, while supporting the hardworking employees of these local shops.

The city of Peoria is committed to doing all that we can to support a prosperous small business community and a thriving local economy for the benefit of Peoria residents. To learn more about small business resources from city of Peoria, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/business.

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

NOVEMBER 2020



VOTE ON PEORIA'S GENERAL PLAN

Peoria was established in 1886 as a humble agricultural community. Since incorporating in 1954, Peoria has blossomed into a rapidly growing, modern city that offers a high quality of living in the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Some of the attributes that residents and business owners appreciate about Peoria are the stunning natural environment, safe and clean neighborhoods, diversified employment opportunities, strong educational facilities, numerous quality outdoor recreation areas, and vibrant arts and culture venues. These same attributes continue to attract new residents and businesses. So how do you guide future growth and development smartly, while maintaining the quality of life in Peoria?

The city utilizes a policy document known as the general plan to guide Peoria's future decisions relative to land use, public services, infrastructure and resource management, and it provides a clear and defined program for achieving the community vision for Peoria's future. Peoria's general plan, known as PlanPeoriaAZ 2040, will be on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot as Proposition 445. The general plan's overall themes include wellness, fiscal responsibility, strategic relationships, adaptability, forward-thinking, and placemaking, which are projects intended to activate unused areas of the city to give them a sense of place.

To find out more about the city's general plan, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/generalplan.

BE SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN



Children love Halloween and all of the excitement that goes along with it - collecting candy, dressing up in costumes, and looking at Halloween decorations. As excited as the children can be, often this time of year can bring uncertainty to parents. General pedestrian, road and health safety can be a concern to any parent. To help with these concerns, we have compiled a list of safety tips. When followed, these tips can help ensure your Halloween experience is safe and fun.

- Fasten safety reflectors to your child's costume or give them glow sticks for light during the evening.
- Be sure to purchase fire resistant costumes and wigs.
- Make sure masks, costumes and shoes fit well to prevent tripping or blocking their vision.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible or on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- Avoid eating homemade treats and inspect candy before consuming.
- If your kids are old enough to trick or treat without you, develop a route that you feel comfortable with, establish a curfew and make sure they know to stay with family members or friends.

With candy, costumes and time with friends, Halloween is always an enjoyable holiday. Follow the tips above to ensure that yours is safe this and every year.

SIGN UP FOR BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE



As kids transition back in to the school routine, remember that the city of Peoria offers the AM/PM Before and After School Program. The program is offered at Peoria schools and begins at 6 a.m. until the start of school. Then, it re-opens when school dismisses until 6 p.m. School half days are also accommodated with early opening of the after school programs. The program is licensed through the Arizona Department of Health Services and program capacity is dependent on school space and staff availability. The program is a safe space for kids with designated time for homework and organized games and playtime. Breakfast is included in the AM program and snack is included in the PM program. If you would like to register your child or would like more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/ampm.