

PEORIA

NOW

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A monthly publication of city-centered news and current events for the citizens of Peoria, Arizona.

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Be Green and Save Money



The city of Peoria has rebate programs to help residents conserve water.

Xeriscape Conversion – Earn a credit of up to \$1,650 by converting high water use landscaping (e.g., grass) to low water use landscaping like xeriscape.

New Home Xeriscape – Receive a credit of \$150 if you purchase a newly constructed home and choose xeriscape.

Smart Irrigation Controller – A credit of up to \$250 if you purchase and install a new smart irrigation controller, which automatically adjusts to environmental conditions such as wind, rain, temperature, moisture, and evapotranspiration.

High-Efficiency Toilet – A \$100 rebate is available to customers who upgrade their high water use toilets with high-efficiency Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense units in their homes. The new toilet must carry the EPA WaterSense label.

Remember, additional restrictions may apply for these rebates. For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/waterconservation.

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Mayor Carlat Recounts First Year

Since Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat took office last year, she has been hard at work on her list of priorities, launching bold initiatives aimed at creating jobs, carefully and thoughtfully planning for future growth, enhancing quality of life, and bringing transparency and accountability into local government.

“In her first year in office, Mayor Carlat has translated her

visionary leadership into an action plan that is moving Peoria forward to ensure the outstanding quality of life we enjoy today is here for generations to come,” said Peoria City Manager Carl Swenson. “In collaboration with the city council, she has brought the community together to share in these accomplishments.”

“The best part of this job is the time spent with our citizens, listening to their ideas and enabling them to impact their community,” Carlat said.

Mayor Carlat outlined her priorities for her second year in office in her 2016 State of the City address on March 22. You can find the text and video of the speech at www.peoriaaz.gov or on social media.

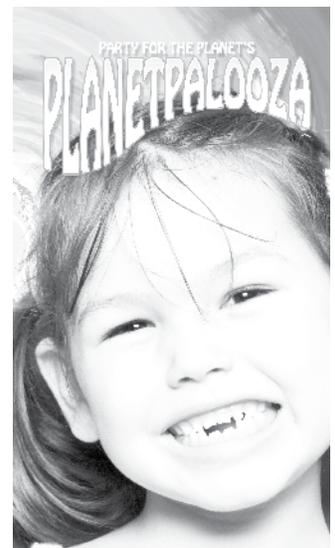


Planetpalooza Festival Celebrates Earth Day

This year the city of Peoria will be hosting its first-ever Earth Day festival, Planetpalooza, on Saturday, April 23 at Centennial Plaza Park.

“Planetpalooza is all about creating awareness and celebrating the interconnection between people and the planet,” said Lisa Estrada, Peoria’s economic efficiency and sustainability manager and the event’s organizer. “Festival goers can count on an array of activities for kids, music entertainment, food vendors, an all-electric car show, eco-fashion show, hand-crafted vendors and much more. We invite the community to join this journey with us as we strive to build a safe, healthy and sustainable future that is bright and full of opportunity.”

This festival is a free, family friendly event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will get to meet Peoria’s new planetary superheroes, the Desert Defenders, which include Water Woman, The Generator and Recyclone. Kids will also have the chance to make their own capes and take pictures with the superheroes. Prizes will be given away throughout the whole event. For more information about Planetpalooza, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/planetpalooza.



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Protect Your Identity FREE Shred Event



Saturday, April 23 from 9-11 a.m.
Country Meadows Elementary School
8409 North 111th Avenue, Peoria

Pine District Councilmember Carlo Leone and Nationwide Insurance presents a **FREE** Identity Theft Shred Event. Take this opportunity to clean out the closets and prevent someone from stealing your identity. Bring everything from old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents containing personal identifying information. Safely discard your unwanted personal paperwork with this free event.

An estimated 17.6 million Americans 16 or older were victims of identity theft in 2014 with that number expected to increase in 2015 and 2016. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, 86 percent of victims had their financial information stolen through electronic or hard copy means and two-thirds of identity theft victims reported a direct financial loss as a result. Shredding your personal information is still considered one of the easiest and most common ways to protect your identity.

Each household may bring up to three banker's sized boxes to be shredded. For more information, call **623.773.7538**

P83 Building Reuse Program Brings More Life Into District

The Peoria City Council voted to approve the participation of two new businesses in the city's P83 Building Reuse Program. Huntington University plans to open this fall in the former Dolce Salon building owned by Arrowhead Equities and Modern Round Entertainment Corporation plans to open in the former Fox and Hound building.

"This council is working to utilize this moment in time to plan for what our future Peoria is going to look like," said Mayor Cathy Carlata. "We knew it would take innovative thinking and resourceful work with these businesses to create a mixed-use university, innovation and entertainment area that will be really attractive to our younger generations and future workforce."

Last year, the city's economic development team, under the authority of the council, developed an aggressive program to revitalize and fill targeted vacant buildings in the city's P83 District. Councilmember Jon Edwards worked with the economic development team on the creation of the reuse program and represents the Willow District on the city council.

"We set out with a plan to fill those vacant buildings, and we're doing it carefully and strategically," said Edwards. "I am certain this program will be a stimulus to continuing surrounding development."

Huntington University plans to locate its digital media arts campus in the three-story, 29,000 square foot building that formerly housed the Dolce Salon, located at 8700 W. Mariners Way in P83. Modern Round, a brand new, virtual shooting lounge, has leased the building at 8320 W. Mariners Way. The company is opening its flagship location in Peoria later this year.



Summer is almost here! Check out our upcoming Summer Youth Programs

Summer Camp

Kindergarten through 14 years old

Summer Camp is an extension of our AM/PM Program. Your children can attend 1 to 5 days per week. It is DHS (Department of Health Services) licensed and accepts DES (Department of Economic Security) for those who qualify. Field trips, breakfast and morning and evening snacks are included in the fees.

Summer Recreation

1st through 5th grade

This is a drop-in program, so children can sign themselves in and out of their own volition. Field trips and special activities are planned daily for an additional fee. Transportation from local elementary schools is provided at the beginning and end of the program.

Tiny Tots

Ages 4 and 5 years

Children can get a taste of childcare or aid in the development of social skills and fine and gross motor skills through active group games, crafts, and daily field trips and events. This is a DHS (Department of Health Services) licensed program. Afternoon snack provided.

Step Out - Teen Summer Recreation

For teens 6th through 9th grades

Participants enjoy a full schedule of on-site activities, trips and more! Transportation from local elementary schools is provided at the beginning and end of each day. Step Out is a drop-in recreation program. Participants are required to sign in upon arrival and sign out when they depart.

For all the details, call **623-773-7137** or visit peoriaaz.gov/summeryouthprograms.