

PEORIA NOW

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

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Labor Day holiday.

Labor Day (September 5)

Monday, Sept. 5 moves to Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 moves to Wednesday, Sept. 7.

For the full 2016 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.



Did you know we pick up bulk trash twice a year now? Learn more about the program and when we'll be in your neighborhood at www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash.

Know the Facts: Peoria Police Department by the Numbers

The Peoria Police Department delivers one of the highest service levels of any department of its size. Keeping our citizens safe is the top priority for every member of your city council.

Here are some quick facts: over the last five years major crimes per 1,000 residents has fallen 32%. Latest monthly crime numbers (May 2016) show a 6.4% decrease in overall crime from the prior month. In addition, the number of calls per 1,000 residents has dropped 14.2% over the last five years. Peoria's 318 calls per 1,000 residents remain significantly lower than the Benchmark Cities Group average of 463.

Our police staffing levels, response times and crime rates make Peoria one of the safest cities of our size in the country. However, simply meeting the standard is not enough, and we always strive to beat the national average, improve efficiency, and top our own records, every single day.

We constantly analyze and adjust our staffing levels as our city continues to grow. Using the latest in sophisticated analytics, we can predict where crime might occur and prevent it, rather than relying on antiquated staffing equations based on population. Over the last year, we have added four more patrol officers without raising taxes. Our recruitment levels are high and officers from other cities want to work in Peoria.

– Mayor Cathy Carlat



Back-to-School Safety Tips for Peoria Residents

On Aug. 10, Peoria students went back to school. According to AAA, 13 percent of children walk to school, and nearly one-third of child pedestrian fatalities occur between 3-7 p.m. Here are a few back-to-school safety tips for parents to discuss with their children.

- Take a friend with you when walking/riding to and from school. Walk and ride in well-lit areas, and never take shortcuts. When walking and biking, stay aware of your surroundings and observe all traffic rules.
- Stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop. If anyone bothers you while going to or from school, get away from that person and tell a trusted adult.
- If someone tries to take you somewhere, move away from them quickly and yell, "this person is trying to take me away!" Or, "this person is not my father/mother!"
- Never play in parks, malls, etc. by yourself. Get your parents'/guardians' permission and always let them know where you are going to be.
- If you walk/ride home alone, call your parents/guardians when you are home. Make sure you keep the door locked; do not open the door for or talk to anyone unless the person is preapproved by your parents/guardians; never tell someone that you are home alone. Have a neighbor or trusted adult you can call if you're scared or there's an emergency.
- Trust your feelings. If someone makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, get away and tell a trusted adult what happened.

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COMING SOON

Watch for Mosquitoes



Recently, the Zika virus has brought increased attention on mosquito control. Maricopa County's Environmental Services Department monitors the threat of mosquito-borne diseases. In areas where mosquitoes are prevalent, they use traps and abatement tools to get rid of them. Rain and irrigation water can produce hundreds of thousands of mosquitoes. In areas where ponding cannot be prevented, the water can be treated within 24 to 48 hours to kill the larva. Get tips for eliminating mosquito breeding from Maricopa County's Vector Control Program at www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl.

Fiesta Peoria Moves to the Peoria Sports Complex on Sept. 24

Every year Fiesta Peoria brings communities together to celebrate the rich Hispanic heritage, history and culture of Latin American countries that recognize their independence during the month of September. This year the event will be on Saturday, Sept. 24 at a new, bigger location – the Peoria Sports Complex, located at 16101 N. 83rd Ave. Festival goers can enjoy a variety of live entertainment, traditional foods, arts and crafts, carnival rides, mechanical bull riding, face painters and much more. Ozomatli, a California band that's won numerous awards, including a Grammy and Latin Grammy, will be the featured entertainment. Tickets are on sale at www.fiestapeoria.com.



Connect, Report and Engage With the PeoriaReporter App



From reporting graffiti and potholes to contacting a service department or an elected official's office, Peoria's app can do it. Peoria residents can download the PeoriaReporter app to report issues, easily connect with a department or service, and to be more engaged with their city. PeoriaReporter is a free application for iPhone and Android devices, featuring a simple user interface that provides citizens with information about Peoria, city contact information for commonly referenced departments and information about Peoria's elected officials. Residents and businesses can select from a list of common problems, take a picture of the problem, and provide their contact information to report an issue. For download information for the PeoriaReporter, go to www.peoriaaz.gov/peoriareporter.

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Peoria Sports Complex
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Peoria

Sunday
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