

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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Fight the FOG

As the holidays approach, remember these simple tips for keeping **fats, oils and grease (FOG)** from clogging your drains.

- Before washing dishes, scrape food and FOG into the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food while washing dishes.
- Wait until FOG have cooled down before pouring them into covered, disposable containers. Throw away containers in the trash; do not pour FOG into sinks, drains or toilets.
- Soak up spilled FOG with an absorbent material (e.g., paper towels, kitty litter) and throw them into the trash.

Peoria Opens its First Community Garden



After a year of planning and working tirelessly to make the first community garden a reality in Peoria, the fruits of the city and community members' labors are plentiful. Mayor Cathy Carlant, along with Acacia District Councilmember Vicki Hunt, cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open Peoria's first community garden. The event was held on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 83rd Ave. and Madison in Old Town Peoria. Learn more about Peoria's inaugural community garden at www.peoriaaz.gov/sustainability.

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City Manager Promotes HR Director to Deputy City Manager

Peoria City Manager Carl Swenson announced the promotion of Human Resources Director Julie Ayers to deputy city manager. Prior to coming to Peoria, Ayers was the Yavapai County Administrator, the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management for Yavapai County, and a director of human resources in the private sector.

Since joining the city as the human resources director, Ayers has led the City's Labor Task Force, which resulted in significant improvements to the collective bargaining process with represented employee groups. Also, she modernized the human resources function for the city, improved the employee health insurance trust, recreated the wellness program and led the City's Diversity Committee.

She is currently leading the city's mid-decade census. Ayers will be joining Susan Daluddung and Jeff Tyne as a deputy city manager reporting to Swenson. Like Ayers, they all hold the credentialed manager (ICMA-CM) designation from the International City/County Management Association.



Bulk Trash Pick-Up is Now Two Times a Year

Starting January 2016, the City of Peoria will offer bulk trash collection twice a year to residents. This service is for large items that will not fit into residential garbage containers. Such items include stoves, refrigerators, washers, water heaters, microwaves, televisions, sofas, chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, patio furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, yard waste, and fencing and building materials. The city will not pickup items like motor oil, oil-based paint, paint thinner, cleaners, batteries, prescription drugs, biological waste, tires, auto parts, roofing materials, glass doors, animal waste, rocks, bricks, concrete and tile.

Each zone of the city will have different collection days and collection begins at 6 a.m. on those scheduled days. Place your items on the curbside the day before collection begins.

Visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste to find out when your neighborhood is scheduled for bulk trash pickup. For more information about the bulk trash program, call **623-773-7160** or email customerservice@peoriaaz.gov.



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Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Christmas (Dec. 25)

Friday, Dec. 25 moves to Saturday, Dec. 26.

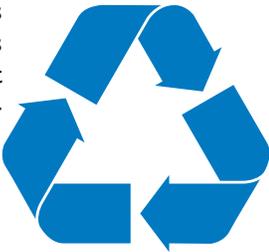
New Year's Day (Jan. 1, 2016)

Friday, Jan. 1 moves to Saturday, Jan. 2.

For the full 2015 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Holiday Recycling

The general rule is that if it is not on this list, it is probably not recyclable. Recycle responsibly.



DO RECYCLE

- Boxes, cardboard, chipboard
- Wrapping paper rolls, not wrapping paper
- Junk mail
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs
- All plastic containers
- Aluminum, empty metal cans
- Pizza boxes with no food or grease

DON'T RECYCLE

- Styrofoam peanuts, packaging, plates, cups
- Wrapping paper with dark colors or gold or silver foil
- Tissue paper
- Bows and ribbons

RECYCLE YOUR TREE!

The city of Peoria encourages residents to recycle Christmas trees this year. Live trees will be accepted at the various drop-off locations from **December 26 to January 3, 2016.**

Remember to remove tree stands, decorations, hooks and lights. Artificial trees or wreaths will not be accepted.

Please do not drop off your tree at city parks or vacant lots or leave trees on the curbside.

Peoria Sports Complex – 16101 N. 83rd Avenue
(Entrance Off Paradise Lane)

Wal-mart – 7975 W. Peoria Avenue

Wal-mart – 21655 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy

Home Depot – 9201 W. Peoria Avenue

Home Depot – 25650 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Lowe's – 8497 W. Thunderbird Road

Lowe's – 25311 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Spring Training 2016 is Just Around the Corner!

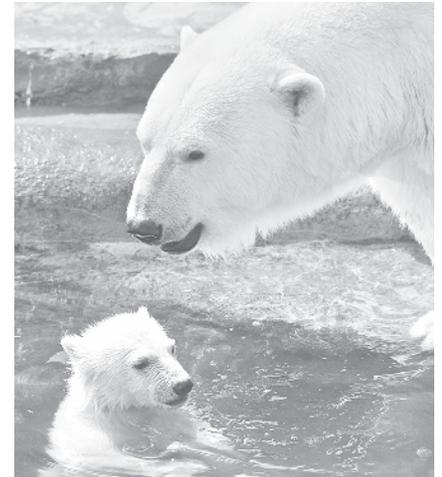
As we near the end of 2015, the spring training schedules for the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners have been posted for 2016. On Dec. 5, the online presale for Mariners and Padres season ticket holders begins at 10 a.m. and the MLB.com registered users' online presale begins at noon. This special presale is available only until Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. General, online, single game tickets will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Dec. 12 and the Peoria Sports Complex Ticket Office will open Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 623-773-8700. Be the first to get your spring training 2016 tickets! For more information, visit www.peoriaspringtraining.



Take the Plunge!

Take a brisk morning swim and help promote water safety at the 2016 Winter Water Safety Day and Polar Plunge. The polar plunge will be at the Sunrise Pool, located at 21321 N. 86th Drive, on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 from 8-9 a.m. The temperature of the pool water is estimated to be in the low 40s. Admission is free and all ages are welcome to enter. Those who are daring enough to swim will receive a free shirt for their achievement.

To register or to make a donation toward swimming lessons for underprivileged children, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/acquatics.



For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste

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