

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 Christmas holiday.

Christmas (December 25)

Monday, Dec. 26 moves to Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 moves to Wednesday, Dec. 28.

For the full 2017 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.



WINTER WATER SAFETY DAY & POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, January 7, 2017
8-9 am

Sunrise Pool at 21321 North 86th Drive

For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics.

The Importance of Shopping Local

Peoria was recently ranked no. 7 in the America's 50 Best Cities to Live list for Yahoo Finance, and for good reason. Our parks and recreational facilities are top-notch, our libraries are state-of-the-art, our roads and infrastructure are continually updated and our public safety departments continue to serve as national leaders.

While we have grown accustomed to a standard of living that sets Peoria apart, these ideals would be difficult to uphold without adequate revenue from sales tax dollars.

Like most cities west of the Mississippi, Peoria relies on sales tax as a primary source of revenue. These sales tax dollars go directly into the general operating fund to support our most important core services, such as police and fire, water resources, street maintenance, and recreational and library services.

With forward-thinking leadership that follows the Principals of Sound Financial Management and places the needs of residents above all else, the benefits of buying local are far-reaching. Not only does it strengthen the economic base of our community, these dollars stay right here where they belong and are an investment into our roads, parks, and recreational services, ultimately serving you and your family again and again.

As you begin your shopping this holiday season, and all year long, don't forget that every dollar you spend in Peoria contributes to your quality of life. One added bonus - Peoria's sales tax rate is one of the lowest in the entire valley.

- Mayor Cathy Carlat



Redistricting Process Begins: Open Houses set for January

The City of Peoria is beginning its redistricting process, which is a requirement to complete pursuant to the city's charter after a mid-decade census count. Recently, the council was briefed at a study session about the redistricting requirements and public engagement plan. In January, several dates for public open houses will be announced along with instructions on how the community can get involved by using online mapping technology to draw suggested district maps. The council will review the public input and proposed maps before adopting a final map with new council district boundaries in June 2017 to be effective for the 2018 primary election.

The mid-decade census counted 161,563 residents in Peoria, a 4.87 percent increase from the city's 2010 census population count. Thus after redistricting there will be six districts in Peoria with a population count of 26,927 each. Two federal requirements must be incorporated into the new districts map to include districts having substantially equal population and be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Districts must also be contiguous. For more information on redistricting, visit www.peoriaaz.gov.

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JANUARY 2017

COMING SOON

Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

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

New Year's Day (January 1)

Monday, Jan. 2 moves
to Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 moves
to Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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MLK Events - Jan. 18

Celebrate at Peoria Centennial Plaza!

Unity Walk – 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Community walk with guest speakers

Black Violin – 6 - 8 p.m.

Free public concert

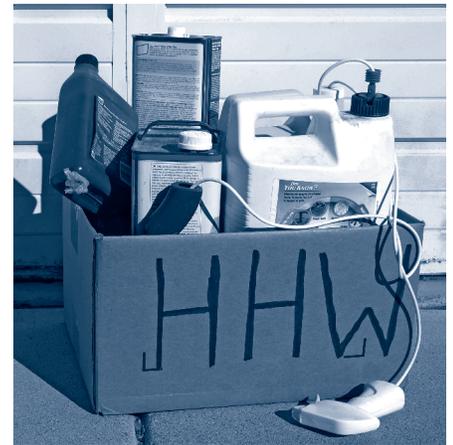
www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents

Hazardous Waste Pickup Program Launches in January

Starting in January, the City of Peoria's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program will begin accepting appointments for pickups from residents.

"We have studied other municipal HHW programs to identify more cost-effective and enhanced customer service options. We believe that an appointment-based system with pickup at our residents' doorsteps will achieve both goals," said Stuart Kent, Peoria Public Works-Utilities Director.

Appointments are limited as the city tests the new program. To schedule an appointment for your hazardous waste items to be picked up in January, call 623-773-7836 between Dec. 5 and 23. Call-in dates for the April hazardous waste pickups will be announced in February. Place all the hazardous waste materials in a cardboard box, clearly labeled "HHW," by your garage door or front porch in order to be picked up. For more information, email the department at hhw@peoriaaz.gov.



City Hall Gets Security Upgrades

Over the last few months, the city has taken a closer look at the safety and security conditions at various City of Peoria facilities. Such practices are consistent with efforts nationwide, as public agencies reassess their security initiatives in light of several high-profile national events. Here in Peoria, the city is implementing precautionary safety enhancements to the City Hall campus in a multiphase approach. This is a proactive step, not a response to any type of threat.

- Some doors at City Hall will be converted to "badge only" access.
- The City Hall front desk security will be managed by members of the Peoria Police Department.
- Peoria police staff will be assigned to monitor City Hall and surrounding buildings.
- Garage surveillance signs and additional video cameras have been recently installed. In addition, ADA parking spaces will be added in the east garage.
- The Council Chamber will have a metal detector system installed at the entry and surveillance monitor stations in the chamber itself.

RECYCLE YOUR TREE!

The City of Peoria encourages residents to recycle Christmas trees.

Live trees will be accepted at the various dropoff 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 and 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

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue (west side of parking lot)

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



For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at 623-773-7431 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Si tiene preguntas o necesita más información por favor llamar al Departamento de sanidad al 623-773-7431.