

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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Get a Behind-the-Scenes Look at How City Government Works



Peoria residents and business owners can get a behind-the-scenes look at how city government works at the Peoria Leadership Institute beginning in April.

Class participants will attend an eight-week series that will cover the following topics: Managing the City and its Finances; Play Peoria - Recreation, Arts and Culture; Attorney's Office and Municipal Court; Building Community and Total Planning; Service Hits the Street; Keeping the City Safe - Peoria Fire Department; Behind the Badge - Peoria Police Department; City Communications; Sustainability Programs, and; City Council Roundtable. Class times range from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

At the conclusion of the series, the class will be recognized at a graduation ceremony at a city council meeting and will receive a signed certificate by the mayor and city manager on the final night of the series in June.

Applications are currently being accepted. Participants must be 16 years or older, a resident of Peoria or a business owner in the city. The classes are free and require registration. Registration can be completed online at www.peoriaaz.gov/pli or call Daniel Murillo at 623-773-7281.

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Mayor Carlat Welcomes Spring Training Fans

This spring, thousands of fans from all over the country will flock to our city to enjoy our extraordinary weather, scenery, entertainment, modern sports facility and high-quality Peoria life.

Peoria Sports Complex set a new record last year for spring training attendance. In fact, we hosted 238,847 spring training fans, which was a 24-percent increase over the previous year and made Peoria the second most popular, two-team facility in the Valley, only behind the Diamondbacks and Rockies. Last year was also a record breaking year for hot dogs: 54,000 hot dogs and sausages were consumed by Peoria fans. Attracting more fans to our city means a great boost to our local economy.

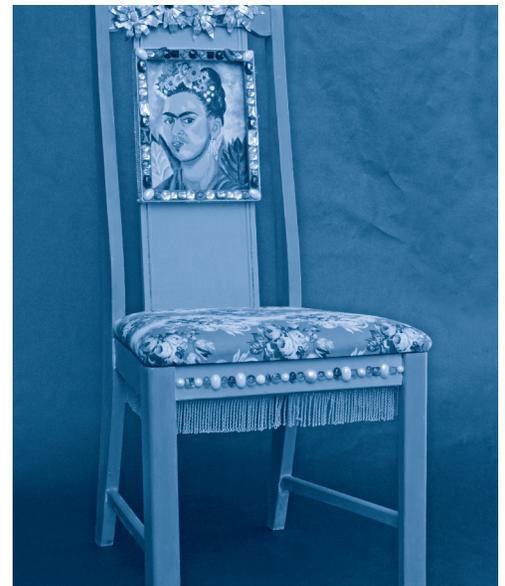
Year round, the Peoria Sports Complex remains an active facility, hosting Arizona's Fall League and other baseball tournaments. The complex is also the home to many popular city festivals, including the All-American Festival on July 4 and the Monster Bash in the fall. The sports complex continues to have a great economic impact to our economy all year round, benefitting Peoria businesses, restaurants, bars and retail shops.



Donate Chairs for Education

Calling all artists! The City of Peoria wants local artists to help design and paint chairs to auction off to benefit the Peoria Education Foundation.

Wooden and metal chairs that are not upholstered may be donated for artists to decorate. Chairs that have been decorated can be submitted for the auction on April 2 before 10 a.m. at Theater Works, located at 8355 W. Peoria Ave. The chairs will be on display and the silent auction will occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., starting with a minimum bid of \$25. For more information, contact Tonia Edmundson at 623-773-7764 or tonia.edmundson@peoriaaz.gov.



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Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pick up will change due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Presidents Day (February 15)

Mon, Feb 15 moves to Tues, Feb 16

Tues, Feb 16 moves to Wed, Feb 17

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

Bike to the Ballpark Day on Saturday, March 5



To inspire bike riding and promote sustainability, fans are encouraged to ride their bikes to the 1:10 p.m. spring training game in

Peoria on Saturday, March 5. Bicyclists can park their bikes in a safe and secure designated location at Peoria Sports Complex.

In the spirit of the day, the organization Recycle Your Bicycle will be onsite collecting used bicycles to benefit foster kids in Arizona.

A free bike will also be given away during the game from Bikers Edge Cycling in Old Town Peoria.

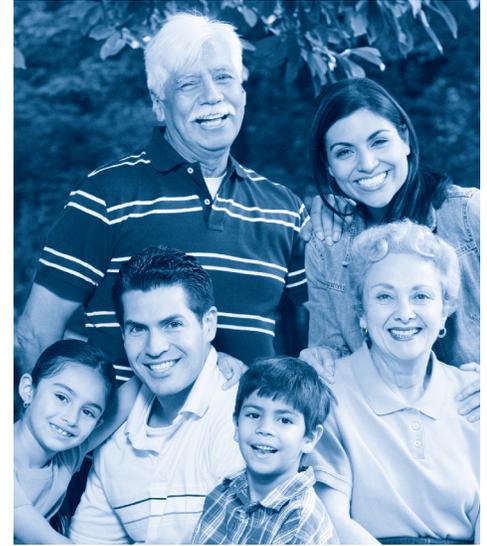
Fans who either ride their bike to the ballpark or donate a bike will receive \$5 off bleacher seats and above. This discount doesn't apply to lawn seating. The discount may be redeemed at the Ticket Office windows only.

For more information, call **623-773-8719** or visit **www.springtrainingpeoria.com**

Donate Food for "Passport to Summer" Event

Peoria SUPPORT is hosting a Passport to Summer event May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rio Vista Recreation Center. This event brings together residents in need with resources like vision, hearing and dental screenings; free clothing; educational workshops for Internet safety, heat fatigue and water consumption and financial wellness; and summer fun food bags.

Starting this month, the City of Peoria is collecting nonperishable food items to distribute to families and individuals at Passport to Summer. With the help of donations, HART Pantry would like to fill 300 food bags for people to take home to eat for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Collection boxes are located in all city buildings along with a list of desired items. For more information about Passport to Summer or the food drive, contact Peoria's Human Services Coordinator Debbie Pearson at **623-773-7070** or **debbie.pearson@peoriaaz.gov**.



Food Bag Items Needed

BREAKFAST

Powdered milk
Cereal
Toaster pastries
Protein/breakfast bars
Instant coffee/Tea bags

LUNCH

Peanut butter
Jelly
Bread
Canned tuna, chicken

Canned pasta

Crystal Lite/
Instant drink mixes
(for use with bottled water)

DINNER

Pasta sauce
Packaged dry pasta
Prego-Ready meals
Instant potatoes
Canned vegetables
(beans, tomatoes)
Canned soups

Packaged taco dinners

Packaged rice sides/pouches
(Knorr, Uncle Ben types)
Velveeta cheese
(no refrigeration needed)

Canned meat/ beans
(chili, sloppy joes)

FUN STUFF

Packaged cookies
Freezy Pops
Austin type cheese/
PB/cracker packs



Latex Paint is NOT Hazardous!

Effective April 2016, latex paint will not be accepted at Peoria Household Hazardous Waste events.

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