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

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in the news

Peoria Seeks Community Input on Sonoran Preservation

Peoria General Plan Review Underway

West Valley Art Museum Features Area Artists

High School Interns Learn About Career Choices

FREE Small-Business Resource Seminar

29th Annual July 4th All American Festival in Peoria

Peoria Hires New Public Safety PIO

Peoria Accepting Art Grant Applications

Summer Sports Camps

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A Helping Hand

In April, several Peoria police officers assisted Omega Academy staff, students and parents with a landscaping and maintenance clean-up project. The Peoria school is the victim of two A/C thefts this past year. A Peoria police officer coordinated an effort to have officers assist with clean-up, and arranged for the city's Community Pride equipment to provide all of the tools necessary to work at the school.

Two New Department Heads Start in July

After nearly a year of being interim posts, two departments have new directors beginning in July.

Bobby Ruiz, a former assistant fire chief for the Phoenix Fire Department, was selected to become the new fire chief for the city of Peoria. Ruiz has more than 35 years of firefighter experience, all with Phoenix. He was confirmed by the Peoria City Council on June 19.

Julie Ayers, SPHR, CPM, Yavapai County Administrator was selected as the new human resources director for the city. She too was confirmed by the Peoria City Council on June 19.



Peoria Completes Beardsley Road Project

The city has completed yet another road project and continues to make improvements throughout Peoria. The Beardsley Road improvements - from 99th Avenue to Lake Pleasant Road - include: widening of the intersections; traffic on two lanes in each direction; a center turn lane; a bike lane; new streetlights; landscaping; sidewalk; and storm drains. For more information on city construction projects, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/buildingpeoria or call 623-773-7212.

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July noted items

- 3** Study session and council meeting
- 4** City offices closed
All American Festival at 5 p.m. at the Peoria Sports Complex
- 12** Sonoran Preservation meeting at 6 p.m. in Peoria Chamber of Commerce
- 26** Sonoran Preservation meeting at 6 p.m. in Sunrise Mountain Library



Police Host Citizen's Academy

The Peoria Police Department will host its popular 12-week Citizen's Police Academy beginning Aug. 20. The program provides a "hands-on" behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement. Participants will experience what it is like to gather evidence, interview suspects and witnesses, book a prisoner into jail, use a radar gun, and many other law enforcement tasks. Sessions are held in the Public Safety Administration Building, 8351 W. Cinnabar Avenue every Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 623-773-7099 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/police.

upcoming events august

- 21** Study session and council meeting
- 28** Primary Election

For the most up-to-date info on events, visit: www.peoriaaz.gov

General Plan Review Underway

The city's annual General Plan Major Amendment 60-day review period is underway. Each case request can be reviewed and commented on by visiting www.peoriaaz.gov/2012generalplanupdate, at city of Peoria libraries, or the Planning and Community Development Department, 9875 N. 85th Avenue. Comments must be received by Aug. 13. The public will have an opportunity to address the Planning & Zoning Commission on Oct. 18 and Nov. 1, and the Peoria City Council on Dec. 4.

AM PM BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Dates:** August 8 - May 23
- Time:** 6 a.m. until school opens - school dismissal to 6 p.m.
- Ages:** Kindergarten - 14 years old
- Locations:** Programs located in all schools within the Peoria city limits.
- Fees:** AM: \$6 a day
PM: \$9 a day
AM/PM: \$14 a day or \$56 per week



Also available are camps during fall, winter and spring breaks, and care on Early Release days upon school dismissal. Every site is licensed by the Department of Health Services Licensed program. DES and military funding available for those that qualify.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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www.peoriaaz.gov/ampm

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call **623-773-7137**