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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Peoria Receives a Strong Bond Rating

City's Emergency Home Repair Program

Peoria's 2014 Get Active Summer Guide

Rio Vista Recreation Center Offers Indoor Pickleball

Information Concerning New River Utility Company

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Leak Check

Inspect your landscape irrigation system regularly for leaks or broken sprinkler heads and adjust pressures to specification. **One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day!**

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Fireworks Do's and Don'ts

Allowable Dates of Sale:
May 20th thru July 6th
December 10th thru January 3rd.

Allowable Dates of Use:
June 24th thru July 6th
December 24th thru January 3rd

How to Distinguish Between Legal and Illegal Fireworks:
Caution Label – Legal
Warning Label – Illegal

Legal fireworks may now be used on your private property during the allowable dates of use.

Wind and Your Smoke Alarms

Peoria has had a breezy spring and the non-emergency calls to the fire department regarding smoke alarm malfunctions have increased.

There are many reasons why smoke alarms may go off when smoke is not present. On windy days like we have been experiencing, dust, debris and particulate matter in the air all have the potential to initiate an alarm. This is especially true in older alarms. Smoke alarms have an expiration date of 10 years, and as the alarm nears or exceeds its life expectancy, there is an increase in false alarms and malfunctions. Annual maintenance including battery replacement and cleaning the smoke alarm with either compressed air or a vacuum cleaner can add longevity to the alarm and reduce the incidence of false alarms. It is recommended that you replace your smoke alarms after 10 years.

If your smoke alarm initiates, get out of the house and dial 911. If you have questions or problems with your alarms or would like to have them checked, Peoria residents can contact their fire department at **623-773-7919.**

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Peoria's 4th of July All-American Festival

The 31st annual July 4th celebration hosted by the City of Peoria is located in the main stadium and Mariners practice fields. Enjoy great entertainment on multiple stages. The event features a Kids Zone, Water Zone, Sonic Footlong Hot Dog Eating Contest, plenty of family friendly activities and a spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9:15 pm. Admission is $5, children 12 and under are free. Free parking. No alcohol or glass containers allowed into the event. Beer and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, call **(623) 773-8700** or **visit www.peoriasportscomplex.com.**

L.E.A.N. Teen Exercise Summer Program Launches

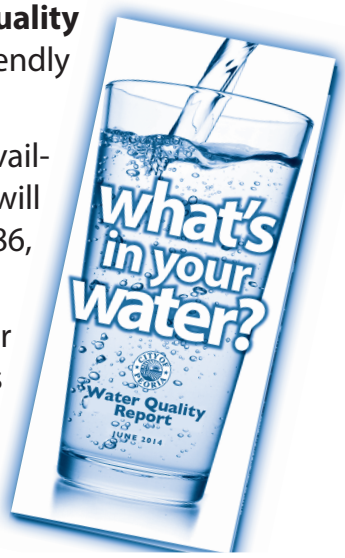
Rates of obesity have increased dramatically in recent decades for Americans of all ages, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). To combat teen obesity in particular, the city of Peoria is encouraging teenagers to get active and healthy through regular exercise. The L.E.A.N. program stands for lifestyle, exercise and nutrition, and it offers a comprehensive exercise plan, one-on-one time with a certified Rio Vista personal trainer and an evaluation of a three-day food diary by a certified nutritional counselor. An exercise commitment of four times a week is required, and a record of the exercises/activities must be recorded and verified by the floor monitor at the time of completion. All teens who complete the program will receive a free one-month family pass to Rio Vista Recreation Center. In addition, any teen that successfully completes the program is eligible to use the Rio Vista Fitness Center unaccompanied by an adult regardless of the age with a valid Rio Vista pass. For more information or to sign up, visit **www.peoriaaz.gov/riovista**.

It's Cornhole Time!

Think you've got a pretty good eye for sinking that bag of corn into the small hole? Then register for Peoria's 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament at the All American Festival, July 4 at 5 p.m. in the Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Avenue. Teams of two can win: $300 cash; two-night stay at Cibola Vista Resort in Las Vegas or Peoria; or $60 cash. Registeration fee is $25 per team; deadline is June 30. For more information or to register, call **(623) 773-7133** or visit **www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.**

Peoria's Drinking Water is Safe…and Here's Proof!

We are pleased to announce that Peoria's **2013 Water Quality Report** will be distributed in the most environmentally-friendly manner possible...***ONLINE!***

This year's summary of drinking water testing results is available at **www.peoriaaz.gov/2013CCR**. Paper copies will only be provided upon request, by calling (623) 773-7286, option #3.

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