

# 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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## in the news

Trine University and GCC Develop Partnership

City Staff Seek Resident Feedback on All Matters

Community Feedback Sought for Future Parks, Rec Plan

Sports Complex Box Office Now Open for Spring Training Tix

Free Classes Are Back: Landscaping, Water Conservation

Flashing Yellow Arrow Introduced to Peoria Drivers

Local Artist Exhibits in Peoria

Streetlight Infill Program Accepting Applications

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## Class Teaches Residents About City Operations

Ever want to know how the city decides on what to spend tax dollars? Or maybe find new services offered by the city? Peoria Leadership Institute offers an in-depth look at all operations of city government. Class members learn about the city's governmental structure, its budget and finances, public works, utility, police and fire operations through interactive discussions with management staff. Locations vary to give attendees a behind-the-scenes look at city facilities, several of which are not open to the public. The classes are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for seven consecutive weeks, beginning April 24. The class is free as is dinner. Residents interested in the class can register online at [www.peoriaaz.gov/pli](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/pli) or call **623-773-7303**.

## Valley Metro Fare Change

Valley Metro wants passengers to be prepared for a fare increase effective Friday, March 1 that will occur on all Valley Metro transit services including bus and light rail. The current 1-Ride fare will increase by \$0.25 on the local bus/LINK/light rail and \$0.50 on Express/RAPID.

Also on March 1, riders can purchase a more affordable 15-day pass giving frequent riders the convenient option of purchasing a multi-day pass that is less costly than the 31-day pass. In addition, the 3-Day pass will no longer be available.

Details on all fare increases, including Dial-a-Ride, are available at [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org).



## Flashing Yellow Arrows?

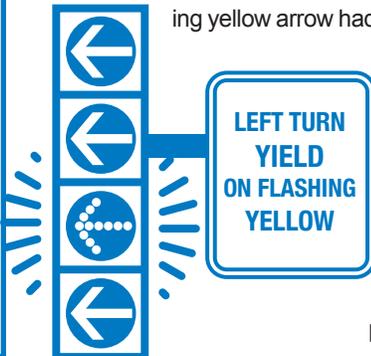
City engineers turned on the flashing yellow left-turn signal at the intersection of 75th Avenue and Thunderbird Road, and hope the result will be more safe turns.

"It basically works like a solid green light. But the flashing yellow arrow lets drivers know they can make the left turn after the road is clear," explains Deputy City Manager Susan Daluddung, who oversees the Engineering Department. The signal will flash alongside the solid green "circle"; both turn into solid yellow, warning drivers to slow down, followed by solid reds for all traffic to stop. "We're hoping it'll also increase safety because intuitively drivers know to proceed with caution whenever they see a flashing yellow signal."

"The National Cooperative Highway Research Program [which conducts research in problem areas that affect highway planning, design, construction] found that intersections with the flashing yellow arrow had a reduction in crashes," said Jamal Rahimi, city traffic engineer.

This is the first of many intersections to get the signal. By June, the city plans on installing the flashing yellow arrow at three other Peoria intersections: Lake Pleasant and Beardsley roads; 83rd and Peoria avenues; and Peoria Avenue and Cotton Crossing; Lake Pleasant and West Wing parkways are in the design phase.

For more information about flashing yellow arrows, contact Jamal Rahimi, city traffic engineer, at [jamal.rahimi@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:jamal.rahimi@peoriaaz.gov) or call **623-773-7224**.



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# MARCH noted items

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- 1-28** Spring Training, Mariners & Padres
- 5** Study session and council meeting
- 9** Bravo! Peoria at Sunrise Library
- 17** St. Patrick's Event at Peoria Performing Arts Center
- 19** Study session and council meeting
- 30** Easter Event at Sports Complex

## upcoming APRIL

- 1-30** Party for the Planet, various events/  
days/locations
- 5** Arts & Cultural Festival, Oldtown
- 9** Study session and council meeting
- 13** Household Haz Waste collection
- 20** River and Trail Clean-up
- 23** Study session and council meeting

For the most up-to-date info on events,  
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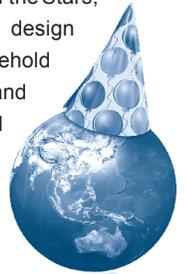
## Household Haz Event = Clean Garage

Residents will be able to rid their homes of common household hazardous material on Saturday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Municipal Operations Center, 8850 N.79th Avenue. Acceptable items include tires, paint, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, appliances, etc. For a complete list of items and more information, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/hhw](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/hhw) or call 623-773-7160.



## Party For The Planet

The city of Peoria will celebrate Earth Day all month long in April by hosting several events. Activities include: Movies Under the Stars, tree planting, environmental design contest and workshops, household hazardous waste collection, and more. A special river and trail clean up is scheduled for April 20. For more information, call 623-773-7137 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents).



## Going Green When Seeing Blue

The next time you visit the municipal campus, take a look around and see if you notice a change....a bright blue change. In February, 16 recycle receptacles were spread throughout the campus in an effort to decrease the amount of waste taken to landfills. The best part: each recycle receptacle is actually a former trash receptacle making it the cheapest way to go "green." The new receptacles are marked with a highly-visible "Peoria Recycles" sign and are located adjacent to a trash one. So now employees and visitors to the campus alike can put paper and plastic in the blue bins, adding to the city's average annual collection of approximately 16,000 tons of recyclable material. To learn more about Peoria's recycling program (or any other sustainable practice), contact Environmental Resources Supervisor Michael Buettner by emailing [michael.buettner@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:michael.buettner@peoriaaz.gov) or call 623-773-7993.



## Wanted: Boards and Commissions Members

The city of Peoria is looking for citizen volunteers to fill vacancies on various boards and commissions. Board and commission members review policies, plans and projects, and make recommendations to the Peoria City Council. These volunteer groups are comprised of citizens who have an interest in serving their city and the community. For more information or to apply, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/boards](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/boards) or call 623-773-7340.



Pony & Train Rides  
Carnival Games  
and more FUN!

# Easter Egg Hunt

Dolly Sanchez  
37<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL

March 30th • 8 am - 12 pm

Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria 85382

FREE Admission & Parking

Please bring canned food to benefit  
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Westside



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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