

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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Join us at the Annual Arts and Cultural Festival



The city of Peoria and the Peoria Unified School District honor the community's past and celebrate the future through the Peoria Arts and Cultural Festival on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is located at Peoria and Grand Avenues in Osuna Park, Peoria's Center for Performing Arts, Peoria Historical Museums, Peoria Community Center and surrounding streets.

Students from Peoria Unified School District exhibit their artwork, perform dance routines, theater acts, choir and bands on stages throughout the event. Attendees can watch pottery being made, take family bike rides, wagon rides and play at the kid's zone. Some activities may require a small fee. For more information, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.

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Sustainable Practices Help Peoria Fight Drought

Drought is a recurring natural part of living in a desert. But good planning will carry Peoria through it. Like most of Arizona, Peoria has been in the grip of a serious drought for more than 15 years. Yet water continues to flow to Peoria residents as the city grows. What sets Peoria apart is the way in which we actively pursue reclaimed water for landscaping and other non-drinking water demands and plan and build reliable water infrastructure.



The city's water conservation program has been successful in educating residents on how to save water. In the past decade, residential customers have reduced their water consumption by an average of 15%. That's 20,400 gallons per household per year.

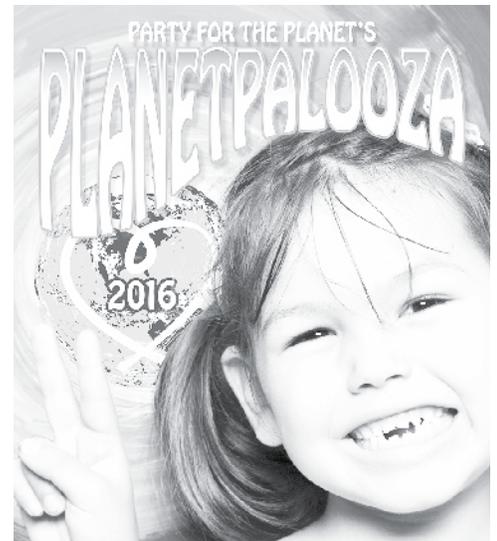
Peoria's water resources portfolio, acquired through decades of planning by city leaders, is a study in diversity. Like a well-balanced mutual fund, Peoria depends on a variety of sources of water including: Central Arizona Project water, Salt River Project water and recovered (well) water.

Each year, Peoria stores more water underground than it recovers. This water is "banked" for future use. Well water is part of Peoria's reserve supply, and gives the city operational redundancy. If any one source is stressed, the system can be tuned so that other sources make up the difference. Peoria also produces a steady supply of reclaimed water and makes beneficial use of 100% of its reclaimed water.

Celebrate Earth Day at Planetpalooza

This year, in celebration of Earth Day, the city of Peoria will be hosting Planetpalooza on April 23. The city seeks to cultivate environmental stewardship by engaging the community through celebration, education and awareness to support a healthy, sustainable future.

This free event will be at Centennial Plaza Park, located at 9875 N. 85th Ave., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring the whole family and get the chance to meet Peoria's new planetary superheroes, the Desert Defenders! There will be prizes, handcrafted goods, food trucks, local musicians and artists, and activities to learn about creating a sustainable lifestyle.



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

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Spring Training Takes Over Peoria



It's time to play ball at Peoria Sports Complex as the spring training season gets underway. The season will run through April 1. Fans coming out this season will notice more shade, additional fixed seats that replaced the leftfield bleachers, and more standing space along the back wall of the upper walkway. The countertop seating was also extended and is ADA accessible.

Another major part of the stadium renovation was the construction of a full-service event space that will take mixing business and pleasure to a new level. Known as the Colonnade, this 3,300-square-foot indoor venue is ideal for conference meetings, small groups and special events. Located alongside the baseball diamond inside the stadium, the Colonnade opens to an outdoor patio facing the field and is equipped with audio/visual connectivity, presentation screens, a full bar and private restrooms.

To celebrate baseball during spring training, the city is offering fun programs, including: Fan Appreciation Day, Fireworks Farewell, Kids Days, Family 4-Pack, Craft Beer Courtyard, All-You-Can-Eat Deck and Soldier Salute. For more information, visit www.peoriaspringtraining.com.

Bulk Trash Pickup is Now Twice a Year



The city of Peoria now offers bulk trash service twice a year. This service is for large items that do not fit into residential garbage containers, including: stoves, refrigerators, washers, water heaters, microwaves, televisions, sofas, chairs, tables, bookcases, desks, patio furniture, mattresses, exercise equipment, yard waste, and fencing and building materials. The city will not pick up items like motor oil, oil based paint, paint thinner, cleaners, batteries, prescription drugs, biological waste, tires, auto parts, roofing materials, glass doors, animal waste, rocks, bricks, concrete and tile.

Each zone of the city has different collection days and collection begins at 6 a.m. on those days. To find out when your neighborhood is scheduled for the next pickup, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash. For more information about the program, call **623-773-7160** or email customerservice@peoriaaz.gov.

Play with Water at 2nd Annual Water Festival



The Second Annual Peoria Water Festival brought Peoria Unified School District fourth graders and their teachers to Pioneer Community Park on March 2 to learn about how water is used and protected in Arizona.

Volunteers worked in teams to engage students in exploration activities and interactive models. During the festival, students traveled throughout four stations, each offering a 30-minute activity focused on water-sheds, water technology, the water cycle and groundwater.

To learn more about this program and volunteer opportunities, email jody.latimer@peoriaaz.gov.

Dolly Sanchez

40TH MEMORIAL

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 • 8 am - 12 pm
 Centennial Plaza, 9875 N. 85th Ave, Peoria 85345
 New Location!

CANDY HUNTS

8:20 a.m. Age 1	9:30 a.m. Age 4	10:25 a.m. Age 7-8
8:45 a.m. Age 2	9:50 a.m. Age 5	10:40 a.m. Age 9-10
9:10 a.m. Age 3	10:10 a.m. Age 6	11:00 a.m. Individuals with Disabilities

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