

# 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

Sign Up Now for Peoria Summer Rec Programs and Camps

Anti-Bullying Art and Video Contest Reveals Winners

Updated Community Resource Guide Available

Well Warrior Scholarship Fund Available for Veterans

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## Shred-A-Thon

**Date:** Saturday, May 30, 2015

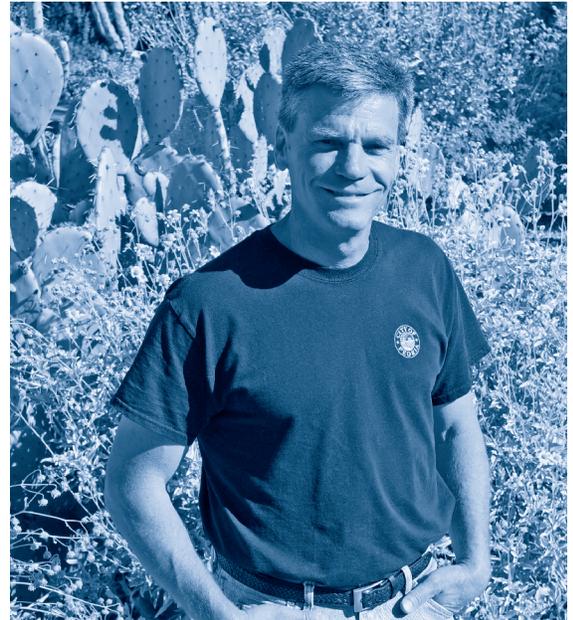
**Time:** 10 a.m.-Noon

**Location:** Cheyenne Elementary School  
11806 N. 87th Ave.  
Peoria, AZ 85345

\*Each household can bring up to 3 bankers sized boxes to this FREE Event

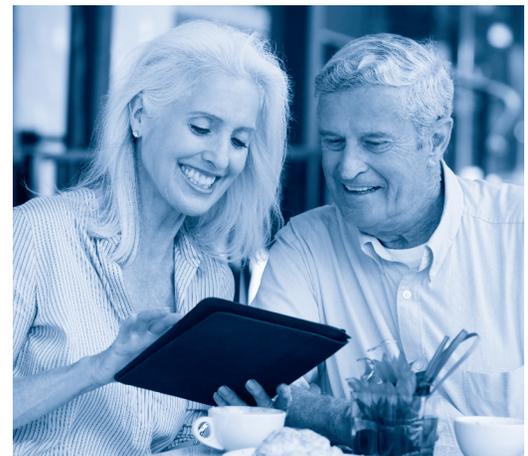
## Peoria Introduces the Garden Guru

Meet Erik Wilson, Peoria's Garden Guru! As the City's Certified Municipal Arborist and Master Gardener, Erik has been one of our go-to guys for ensuring that our City Hall campus and citywide street side landscape are beautifully designed, water efficient and functional. Erik has spent the last 20 years perfecting his skill in landscape design and maintenance from mowing all the way to private consulting. And when he's not hard at work for the City, Erik volunteers with the Valley Permaculture Alliance with their Shade Tree Program and works with the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation as a Program Arborist. Erik is here to help. Have a question about your garden? Need some advice about watering techniques? Are you wondering when the best time to plant your fall garden is? Ask Erik and Happy planting! Send your questions to [GardenGuru@peoriaaz.gov](mailto:GardenGuru@peoriaaz.gov).



## Stay Connected With Your City

There are a variety of ways you can stay informed and in touch with your city. In addition to the information contained on Peoria's official website, [www.peoriaaz.gov](http://www.peoriaaz.gov), the City of Peoria offers electronic news on a variety of topics, including updates from your elected officials, delivered right to your e-mail. And YOU control your subscriptions! Go to [www.peoriaaz.gov/enews](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/enews).



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## Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

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

### Memorial Day, (May 25)

Monday, May 25 moves to Tuesday, May 26.  
Tuesday, May 26 moves to Wednesday, May 27.

**For the full 2015 trash/recycle pick up schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste).**

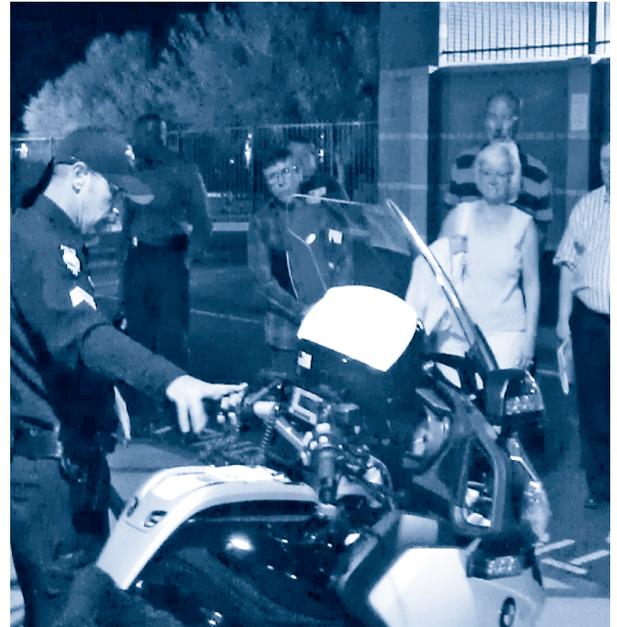
## Water Conservation Tips for your Pool

- Don't overfill the pool. Keep the water level lower to reduce water loss due to splashing.
- Monitor pool filling. Don't let it overflow! Meter the water that refills the pool; if you notice a sharp increase in water, you may have a leak.
- Conduct routine water quality tests. This will reduce the number of backwashes needed and will save time, effort, and money in the long run.
- Don't let good water go to waste! Direct the filter backwash water to plants or use for other beneficial purposes. Don't let water run into the streets or on sidewalks.

**For more tips about water conservation, go to [www.peoriaaz.gov/sustainability](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/sustainability)**

## Register for 2015 Citizen's Police Academy

The Peoria Police Department will be hosting its 2015 Citizen's Police Academy beginning Monday, August 12, 2015 and ending October 28, 2015. This popular program provides participants an exciting "hands-on" behind the scenes look at the field of law enforcement. Whether you are interested in law enforcement as a career, want to learn more about your local police department, or just want to have the experience of a lifetime, the Peoria Police Department's Citizen's Academy is for you.



To be eligible to participate in the academy you must be an adult who resides or works in Peoria. Questions can be answered by and applications are obtained through the Police Department's Neighborhood Services Section by calling (623) 773-7099, or you can register online or download an application from the website at [www.peoriaaz.com](http://www.peoriaaz.com) under the Police Department's Community Relations Programs page. Slots still remain in this exciting program – don't miss out on this opportunity to see the inner-workings of a rapidly growing, internationally accredited law enforcement agency!

# FREE WATER!

Harvesting rainwater can reduce the use of drinking water for landscape irrigation. It is also an effective water conservation tool and proves more beneficial when coupled with the use of native, low-water-use and desert-adapted plants.

There are many benefits to harvesting rainwater: Water harvesting not only reduces potable water use and related costs, but also reduces off-site flooding and erosion by holding rainwater on the site. **Call 623-773-7651 for a free booklet.**

**Read the booklet online at <http://www.peoriaaz.gov/freewater>**

