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City of Peoria Launches Civic Engagement Application

ABC TV News Anchor John Quiñones To Be Keynote Speaker

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Holiday for Heroes Abroad

The American Red Cross is inviting the public to write messages of thanks and holiday cheer to members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families from now until December 7. Pitney Bowes will screen, pack, and ship the cards, at no charge, contributing thousands of volunteer hours. Red Cross volunteers across the country and on overseas military installations then sort and deliver the cards. **Mail cards to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456.**



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JUST SAY *thanks.*
WE'LL DO THE REST.

GIVE SOMETHING THAT MEANS SOMETHING.

Send support. Send thanks. Send a holiday card to our service members, veterans and military families through our Holiday Mail for Heroes program.

Tips to Stay Safe

The Peoria Police Department will increase patrol of retail areas this holiday season to ensure shoppers' safety. But these additional resources are no replacement for smart shopping. Protect yourself when shopping by following these tips:

- Don't carry more than absolutely necessary in a purse.
- Be alert and walk with a purpose. The bad guys seek distracted, inattentive shoppers. If possible, shop with a friend – there is safety in numbers.
- Carry a cell phone and be prepared to call the police in case of an emergency.
- Thieves often scout food courts. Don't leave unattended handbags, gifts, etc.
- Don't leave valuables, packages, and recent purchases in plain sight in the vehicle.
- Pay attention to surroundings and if uncomfortable, go back to the store or mall and ask to be escorted by security.
- Park vehicles in a well-lit area. Have keys ready and look over your car as you approach it to make sure everything is OK.



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November noted items

- 3** Peoria Beer Festival at Peoria Sports Complex
- 4** Farmers Market & Art Stroll at Osuna Park every Sunday
- 6** Election Day
- 8** Regional Job Fair at Peoria Sports Complex
- 10** Veteran's Day 5k Run at Rio Vista Community Park
- 13** Study session and council meeting
- 22** Thanksgiving, Offices Closed

upcoming events December

- 1** Free Cycling Workshop at Rio Vista Rec Center
- 4** Study session and council meeting
- 13** Study session and council meeting
- 25** Christmas, Offices Closed

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

Don't Flush Trouble

Every year, the Public Works – Utilities Department spends countless hours and dollars maintaining the city's sewer infrastructure. One of the most common problems is a sewer blockage or backup caused by the flushing of common household items. In order to avoid these potential disruptions in service and costly maintenance repairs, citizens are asked to put baby wipes and diapers, feminine products, latex gloves, Q-tips, and other non-flushable items into the trash can.



University Coming to Peoria

Trine University, based in Angola, Ind., will open a branch campus near Thunderbird Road and 83rd Avenue by 2013. "We are extremely excited to have a university with the reputation of Trine's join us in Peoria," said Scott Whyte, the city's director of economic development services. "The quality of the institution will be an attraction for other nationally-recognized schools to open campuses in our city."

Trine University is a private, non-denominational institution offering associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees in more than 35 programs on campus, online, and at regional education centers. The school has an enrollment of 2,465 students at its Indiana campus. The university has branch campuses in Columbus, Fort Wayne, Logansport, South Bend, Indianapolis and Schererville, Ind., as well as Warsaw and Sturgis, Michigan.

U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review rank Trine among the Midwest's best colleges in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Trine is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. To learn more about Trine University, visit www.Trine.edu.

Peoria's Oldtown Holiday Festival

Friday, November 30th, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Oldtown Peoria (South of 83rd and Grand avenues)

High School Choral Contest
Kids Zone • Arts & Crafts • Snow Village
Santa & More!

FREE Admission and Parking

For more information, call 623-773-7137
or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents