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Fight FOG!

As the holidays approach, remember these simple tips for keeping **fats, oils and grease (FOG)** from clogging your drains.

- Before washing dishes, scrape food and FOG into the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food while washing dishes.
- Wait until FOG have cooled down before pouring them into covered, disposable containers. Throw away containers in the trash; do not pour FOG into sinks, drains, or toilets.
- Soak up spilled FOG with an absorbent material (e.g., paper towels, kitty litter) and throw them into the trash.

City Acquires New River Utility Company

Beginning Nov. 6, 2015, the City of Peoria will begin operation of the New River Utility Company. For a period of time, you will continue to receive a bill generated by the New River Utility Company. You will need to pay this bill.

Although the company will be owned by the city, it will take city staff some time to convert your water account to the city's utility billing systems. Once your account has been transferred to the city billing system, you will be able to see water consumption information along with your monthly bill for water, sewer and solid waste services. At that time, your new monthly billing date and payment date will be shown on your new monthly statement.

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Female Driver Places First in International Road-E-O

It is like the Olympics for garbage truck drivers! Driver Rosie Lopez, who placed first in the rear-loader category at the National Road-E-O, also placed first in the International Road-E-O in October. The Road-E-O is an annual event held by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and hosted by a state chapter.

The competition included participants from Arizona and the U.S. representing municipal and private waste haulers, landfill equipment operator, and mechanics. The Road-E-O promotes professionalism and safety in the field of solid waste management and facilitates a spirit of competition and goodwill.

The competition also included entertainment for family and friends of the competitors, including food, activities for children, and giveaways.



Channel 3 reporter Javier Soto challenges Rosie Lopez in a mini-obstacle course

Peoria will be Hosting Quidditch Games in 2017

The City of Peoria will be hosting the 2017 West Regional Championship in Quidditch for the first time ever. Quidditch, a co-ed sport that mixes elements of dodgeball, rugby, soccer and basketball, was introduced to fans of the Harry Potter novels and movies and has become popular among teens and young adults.

The regional tournament will consist of teams from California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada and it will be held at Pioneer Community Park in partnership with U.S. Quidditch, the national governing body of the sport. U.S. Quidditch was founded in 2010 and serves more than 4,000 athletes on 200 teams nationwide. Dates and details will be available in June 2016 and the games will begin in February 2017. For more information, visit www.usquidditch.org or email events@quidditch.org.



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Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pickup will change due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving (November 26)

Thursday, Nov. 26 moves to Friday, May 27.

Friday, May 27 moves to Saturday, May 28.

For the full 2015 trash/recycle pickup schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Special Census Wrapping Up in November

The City of Peoria and the U.S. Census Bureau will conclude the special mid-decade census towards the end of November. Peoria's population has grown immensely since the last census in 2010.

It's vital that we document this growth with certified census counts, so Peoria residents receive their fair share of state funds. Portions of state shared revenue are allocated based on population, making this updated count critical to bring home the tax dollars that belong in our community.

The additional funding will go to roads, water, public safety and so much more. These dollars make a difference in the quality of life Peoria residents have come to expect.

Thank you for your participation.



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Mid-Decade Census

New Program Gives Disabled Adults a Chance to Work



The City of Peoria is honored to be one of the first cities in the state of Arizona to develop an employment program for adults with disabilities to get city jobs.

When searching for a new city to call home, most people share a common list of priorities — affordability, jobs, schools and attractions among them. But people with disabilities often have a larger list of considerations. Factors such as the accessibility of various facilities, the quality of health care and even the cleanliness of the air can take precedence over others. The availability of such elements allows them to play an important role in the community and make significant contributions to the economy.

“Through this program our disabled citizens will have access to meaningful jobs at a fair pay, they will be able to gain experience and independence, discover talents and grow into what they were made to be,” said Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat.

For more information about our programs, call 623-773-7923 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/recreation.



Peoria's Old Town Holiday Festival

Friday, December 4th, 5-9 pm in Old Town Peoria
(Peoria and Grand avenues)

FREE Admission & Parking

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