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Signs on Campus Highlight City Green Efforts

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City Seeks Employers for Job Fair

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Tips for Handling Bees

The Peoria Fire Department has recently responded to several calls involving people being stung by bee swarms. Although bees are present and active year-round, they can be more aggressive this time of year.



Bees are slowly disappearing and should be relocated or moved instead of killed whenever possible. Just sayin'.

- The majority of bee sting calls are in response to Africanized honey bees. Although they have less venom than regular honeybees, Africanized bees respond faster and in greater numbers making them more dangerous. Their colonies can reach up to 60,000 bees.
- When you are outside, use care when entering sheds or outbuildings where bees may nest. Always listen for a buzzing noise.
- Bees may swarm and aggressively defend their nests when approached or disturbed by a perceived threat. This includes people or animals that are 50 feet or less from a nest, or someone who is using power equipment – such as a mower – within 100 feet.
- If you do locate a nest, do not disturb the bees or try to kill them. If you strike or kill a bee, you'll set off its defense pheromone which will bring more bees seeking vengeance. Instead, contact a pest control company to safely remove them from the area.
- Bees have been known to give chase for a quarter of a mile so once you start running, keep running and try to cover as much of your face as possible. And no matter how tempting, do not jump in a pool; these bees have been known to hover above the water waiting for invaders to resurface. Attacks can last up to 10 hours.
- If someone is being attacked by a bee swarm, call 911.

As Heat Winds Down, Outdoor Fun Ramps Up

The city of Peoria is home to fun year-round but things really start to ramp up during the cooler months. Here's a list of great things to do in the coming weeks:

PIONEER COMMUNITY PARK – GRAND OPENING

Come see what the buzz is all about – Peoria's second community park is opening soon! Amenities for this 80-acre park include: a playground and splash pad, urban fishing lake, lighted playing fields, dog park, picnic areas, and the list goes on!

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. – 8755 N. 83rd Avenue

FIESTA PEORIA 2013

The fun continues at Pioneer Community Park with soccer and softball tournaments in the mornings; live entertainment and family-fun activities in the afternoons into evening.

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28, 29 – 8755 N. 83rd Avenue

KEEP IT SAFE: A Family Affair

A free family event that'll show residents how to be safe around their homes and outdoors. Activities include: bike rodeo; fire and water safety; fire truck tour; child ID kits; bike helmet and booster seat fitting and giveaway (while supplies last).

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 - 11 a.m.

St Joseph's Medical Group Peoria North Clinic, 7727 W. Deer Valley Rd., Suite 210

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Sustainable University - Fall 2013 FREE Classes



The fall session of Peoria's popular landscaping and water-saving classes have been scheduled for late September through November. Topics include:

Going Solar 101

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - noon

Rio Vista Recreation Center - 8866 W. Thunderbird Road

Learn everything you need to know about how to go solar today and in the future. This interactive class will cover the basics of a solar photovoltaic system, how it works, what incentives are available in your community, and give attendees a chance to ask questions.

Compost Happens: Complete Guide to Backyard Composting

Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 - 10 a.m.

Development and Community Services Building
9875 N. 85th Ave.

Did you know that approximately 21% of all municipal solid waste is food waste? In this interactive class participants will learn how to reduce the amount of food waste sent to the landfill by creating rich soil amendments. Peoria residents will receive a free food waste container for their kitchen.

Cool Season Vegetable Gardening

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue

This workshop will get your garden growing in our unique desert environment. Learn the importance and details of soil preparation, planting seasons, and strategies to overcome the challenges of our environment. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation and garden related material including a useful fruit and vegetable gardening schedule.

Xeriscape: Desert Fusion Garden Lecture and Walking Tour

Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 - 10 a.m.

Development and Community Services Building
9875 N. 85th Ave.

Learn about the seven Xeriscape principles, which if used properly, ensure that landscapes are water efficient, yet creative and colorful. Lecture and walking tour of the Desert Fusion Garden will conclude with a question and answer session. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation and xeriscape related materials including Xeriscape: Landscaping with Style in the Arizona Desert.

Landscape Watering 101

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Rio Vista Recreation Center - 8866 W. Thunderbird Road

Improper watering can lead to stress, disease, or even death of some plants, not to mention high water bills. In this interactive class participants learn how much water plants need, different types of irrigation systems, and how to set your irrigation controller for maximum efficiency. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation related materials including Landscape Watering by the Numbers with a Landscape Watering Guidelines card.

Homeowner's Tree Care Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. - noon

Development and Community Services Building
9875 N. 85th Ave.

Learn the fundamentals of proper tree installation, initial care, growth, development and the benefit of trees for the homeowner and the community. At the completion of the class you will receive a free desert-adapted tree to take home.

Fall and Winter Color Splashes for Desert Landscapes

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue

Need some color in your landscape? This course is designed to teach class participants which low water landscape plants work best for seasonal color splashes in a desert landscape. You can enjoy splashes of vibrant seasonal color through the cooler months of the year with a selection of desert plants that offer eye-catching blooms, foliage or seed pods. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation and landscape related materials including Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert.

Water Efficiency Inside the Home

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue

Learn how to reduce the amount of water consumption in your home from the first Green Certified Plumber in Arizona. Class participants will learn about high efficiency toilets, low flow showerheads and faucets, hot water recirculators, and many more new technologies that can reduce your water bill while conserving our most precious resource - water. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation related materials including a home water conservation kit.

HOA Irrigation Management 101

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Development and Community Services Building
9875 N. 85th Avenue

This course is geared specifically toward those individuals that oversee larger irrigation systems such as those of homeowners associations. Class participants will learn about the basic components involved in large irrigation installations, how to properly manage large volumes of irrigation water, what to look for in an irrigation maintenance contractor, and what new technologies are being implemented in the irrigation industry.

Edible Landscapes & Design

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue

More homeowners are replacing ornamental plants for those that have a dual function of beauty and food production. Learn about the history of edible landscapes, design concepts, and ideas for front yard and back yard landscapes using ornamental edible plants. Attendees will receive a variety of water conservation and garden related material including a useful fruit and vegetable gardening schedule.

APS Energy Efficiency Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. - noon

Sunrise Mountain Library - 21109 N. 98th Avenue

Attend this APS event to speak with a field representative about saving energy and money by increasing the energy efficiency of your home. Learn about what incentives are available through APS and how they can help you manage home's energy consumption.

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