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New Class: Beaded Jewelry Design for Beginners

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Dive In!

Spring is in the air and that means pool season is right around the corner in Arizona. Swim lessons on Mondays and Thursdays beginning March 26 for two weeks at Sunrise Mountain High School, 21200 N. 83rd Avenue. For more information or to register, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/aquatics or call 623-773-7137.

Second Access for Vistancia

The segment of Lone Mountain Parkway between El Mirage Road and the Loop 303 will now be a continuous roadway from Vistancia Boulevard to the Loop 303. Built by Vistancia developer Sunbelt Holdings, this latest segment provides a much needed and highly-anticipated secondary access to the Vistancia community.

In addition to providing a secondary access to the residents of Vistancia, this new roadway provides significant opportunities for economic development in this key region of the city of Peoria. For a list of city construction projects, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/buildingpeoria.

MLB Teams Stay in Peoria

The city of Peoria has entered into a long-term lease agreement with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres, keeping the Peoria Sports Complex as the teams' spring training and player development home through 2034. The Peoria Sports Complex, built in 1994, was the first dual team spring training facility in the Cactus League. As part of the agreement, the city will invest \$48 million over the life of the contract, which includes \$30 million in improvements to the teams' clubhouses and \$6 million to the stadium. Stadium improvements include seating enhancements, party deck, facade improvements, plaza area, and upgrades to field and lighting systems.



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april noted items

- 7** Easter Egg Hunt, 8 a.m. to noon at Peoria Sport Complex
- 14** Pioneer Days Parade in Oldtown Peoria at 8 a.m.
- 17** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chamber
- 21** New River Trail Clean-Up 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- 24** Growing Green Seminar, 8 a.m. to noon in Chamber
- 28** Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event - 8 a.m. to noon @ 8850 N. 79th Ave

upcoming events may

- 5** Fiesta! Cinco de Mayo! at Main Library 9 a.m to 6 p.m.

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

Peoria Police Prepares for Re-Accreditation

The Peoria Police Department has applied for re-accreditation. The public is invited to attend and comment at the hearing on Wednesday, April 18 beginning 5 p.m. in the city of Peoria Council Chamber, 8401 West Monroe Street. Those unable to attend may send a letter to Stephen Mitchell at the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA),

13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

Adopt-A-Street Program

The city of Peoria will erect a sign with a family or business name, or personal message in exchange for a one mile segment to be cleaned at least three times a year by the adopting person or group. The city provides supplies, safety vests, and training. For more information, call the Streets Division at 623-773-7432 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/streets.

Celebrating Earth Day

*The month of April is here and with it comes Earth Day. In Peoria, the city works every day as if it were Earth Day with many programs that help keep our planet sustainable for future generations. Celebrate Earth Day by disposing of hazardous materials in a safe manner during Peoria's Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event. Most of the material will be recycled, and any that cannot will be handled by professionals in a safe manner with the least impact on the environment. Acceptable items include paint, paint thinners, aerosols, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, insecticides, pesticides, propane tanks, batteries, CFLs, up to four tires per household, appliances and electronics. **Event Information:** Municipal Operations Center, 8850 N. 79th Avenue. Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. to noon. Visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.*



Summer Recreation Programs



YOUTH PROGRAMS

All Day Summer Camp Care • Summer Rec Drop In Program
Preschool Programs • Teen Programs • Tiny Tots Program
*Free lunch and breakfast at participating sites!
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