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Keeping Citizens Safe



2013 was a busy year for the City of Peoria. As the economy continues to slowly recover, business in Peoria is ramping up.

We were very excited to have Maxwell Technologies open their Peoria location, bringing high-paying, high-tech jobs to our City. Maxwell is a leading developer and manufacturer of innovative, cost-effective energy storage and power delivery solutions. This looks to be only the beginning of their expansion into Peoria; they anticipate creating over 100 new jobs here in the future. Their decision to locate in Peoria shows that it is a great place to locate and expand, and we look forward to working

with other high-tech companies to create jobs for our citizens.

Peoria's medical device accelerator, BioInspire, has seen great success since opening. Two of the companies operating within the facility have received \$250,000 Innovation Challenge Grants from the Arizona Commerce Authority. Both Nasseo, Inc. and Stimwave Technologies, Inc have received the grant. These grants are a testament to the good work being done on medical device technology right here in Peoria. Additionally, Yolia Health, another BioInspire company was a runner up for the same grant; while Kulira Technologies was awarded a \$5000 Fast Grant from the ACA.

On November 9, I was honored to be a part of the ceremony in which Army 1st Sgt. Leonard was given the key to his brand new home as part of the Homes for our Troops program. Sgt. Leonard was wounded in 2010, when he lost both of his legs in an IED blast in Afghanistan. Throughout 2013, City Council and staff volunteered their time to make sure that Sgt. Leonard and his family would have a beautiful place to call home. Sgt. Leonard's home was the first in Arizona built by Homes for our Troops.

At the end of September, the City officially opened Pioneer Community Park at 83rd Avenue and Olive. I hope that you and your family will take advantage of the ball fields, dog park, and splash pad; and beginning in January, lake fishing will be available.

This is just a small example of the excitement of 2013, and 2014 should prove to be even better. I hope to see you out at our community events.

If you have questions about these or any other city matters, please contact my office at (623) 773-7368.

Mayor Bob Barrett

Bob.Barrett@peoriaaz.gov

City Council Roundup

Acacia District – Vice Mayor Tony Rivero



As we begin a new year and the challenges that will come with it, I would like to focus on the successes of 2013. In the spring, we hosted a successful Cinco de Mayo event that attracted thousands of people, and was an opportunity for schools and non-profits to raise funds.

We also had a successful Fiesta Peoria 2013 that included the grand opening of the new Pioneer Community Park located just south of downtown Peoria. Looking forward to 2014, I encourage all of the citizens of Peoria to participate in our annual budget process by sharing ideas and thoughts on where your tax dollars should be spent.

It is a pleasure serving as your council member. Happy New Year!

To sign up for Acacia District email alerts, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/acacia or email me at Tony.Rivero@peoriaaz.gov.

Palo Verde District - Councilmember Ron Aames



Residents are invited to join me for a ParkFest event from 2 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25 at Paseo Verde Park (7665 W. Greenway Road). This free event will feature live music with interactive inflatables, a zip line, face painting, and free food and drinks. Parents and kids alike can enjoy a great afternoon in a wonderful Peoria Park. Please make plans to attend. For more information visit the Peoria Special Events webpage at www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents.

I send timely Palo Verde E-News emails to subscribers in the district that focus on city news and adult and youth activities. To subscribe, send a request with your email to paloverde@peoriaaz.gov. Your email is used only for sending these messages.

For more assistance with matters in your neighborhood or questions about city issues, I can be reached at ron.aames@peoriaaz.gov, or by phone at (623) 773-7306.

Ironwood District – Councilmember Bill Patena



As I close out my first year as the Ironwood District Councilmember, I find myself humbled by the individuals and experiences that I have been fortunate enough to encounter. Although I was employed for the City of Peoria for over 18 years, having the opportunity to serve our citizens in this capacity has taught me a great deal about our community. With individuals who really take the time to make their community a better place to live, it has been a pleasure to serve.

During my first round within the City's budgeting process this past year, I advocated for the addition of a Human Services Coordinator to help address many of the unmet needs of our residents. With much excitement, I am proud to announce that this position was approved, and filled, with the Coordinator taking office this past December. Through this position, we hope to allow the City to serve as a conduit to ensure the social service needs of our citizens are better met.

As communities continue to age, there are undeniable challenges that come about. With a district almost entirely built out, I have spent the last year focusing on the pending needs of our neighborhoods. Over the next year, residents can expect the new Camino a Lago Park and Sunrise Heights Elementary School to come to life. With added park amenities to serve those in northern Peoria, I am thrilled to see this partnership realized. In addition, the Union Hills Waterline Installation Project is moving forward as planned. Needed to ensure high quality water is available and distributed, this is a desirable improvement that will benefit many.

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Parks and Recreation Center Holiday Closures

The Rio Vista Recreation Center and the Peoria Community Center have modified hours during the holiday season. The Peoria Community Center rents out space for parties, weddings, and meetings. Please contact us at (623) 773-7436 for availability information. All City parks are under normal operation times.

Christmas Eve – All parks will close at 5 p.m. No field or ramadas reservations after 5 p.m. Rio Vista Recreation Center closes at 2 p.m. Peoria Community Center closes at 5 p.m.

Christmas Day – All parks will close at 5 p.m. No field reservations. No ramadas reservations after 5 p.m. Rio Vista Recreation Center and Peoria Community Center are closed.

New Year's Eve - All parks will close at 5 p.m. No field or ramadas reservations after 5 p.m. Rio Vista Recreation Center closes at 2 p.m. Peoria Community Center closes at 5pm.

New Year's Day – Normal operations for parks. Rio Vista Recreation Center and Peoria Community Center are closed.

Go to www.peoriaaz.gov/recreation for more details about City parks and recreation facilities days and times of operation.

Peoria Business Recognized as Innovator of the Year

Yolia Health, a Peoria based business, was recognized as the Innovator of the Year for start up companies at the Governor's Celebration of Innovation Awards in November.

Yolia's non-invasive eye-sight correction method can be used as an alternative to reading glasses, refractive surgery, or for those who are using the mono-vision approaches. Instead of using these contacts every night for the rest of the patient's life, their treatment requires patients to wear personalized contact lenses with enzymatic eye drops for only five days. After the five days are over, patients stop using the personalized contact lenses, enzymatic eye drops and their reading glasses. Yolia Health is located in Peoria at BioAccel's BioInspire facility, a medical-device accelerator, which enables companies to develop their concepts and technologies with support from scientific and business mentors, as well as collaborative opportunities with other innovation companies.

To learn more about BioInspire and BioAccel, go to the City of Peoria's Economic Development Services website at www.PeoriaED.com.

As a City, there are remarkable things happening and I hope residents feel energized by the growth and improvements occurring around them. Moving forward, I will continue to evaluate areas in need of improvement, working with staff to make the best possible changes for our community. Don't forget to register for the Ironwood District Email News to keep up to date on important information; contact ironwood@peoriaaz.gov or call (623) 773-5133 to register.

Mesquite District - Councilmember Cathy Carlat



It is hard to believe that another year has come to an end. This past year has brought a variety of exciting ventures and accomplishments to the City of Peoria and I couldn't be more pleased to know where we are headed.

Moving past the economic downturn, Peoria development is rising with steady confidence. Residential developments that were planned to begin many years ago are once again moving forward. In addition, commercial projects and endeavors that had to be postponed because of an uncertain market, not only seem possible now, they are happening. In line with this, and extremely exciting, is the addition of the first phase of northern Peoria's full scale community park back into the Capital Improvement Program budget.

Of course, I cannot go without noting the exceptional successes of the existing commercial endeavors. With employment a top priority of mine, I am proud to welcome Maxwell Technology to Peoria, who will create over 150 new high tech jobs. In addition, Trine University who opened their doors this past summer, will work alongside Maxwell to create an innovative technology workforce for our community.

Although this is only a fraction of what is happening everyday in our City, I can truly say that I believe this past year has been spent extremely well. In evaluating all that we have accomplished so far, and all that we have done to position ourselves for a healthy future, I am confident that Peoria is advantageously poised for the year.

To keep updated about what is happening in your city, register for the Mesquite District electronic news alerts by visiting www.peoriaaz.gov/mesquite. Contact Councilmember Cathy Carlat at mesquite@peoriaaz.gov or by calling (623) 773-5133.

Pine District - Councilmember Carlo Leone



I have received calls lately from residents reporting urban coyotes roaming throughout their neighborhoods. While these animals are considered to be part of the landscaped environment it is important that you do not approach them. For those of you with cats and dogs, the best way to keep them safe is to supervise them at all times when outdoors. There have been reports of coyotes taking small dogs even within the vicinity of their owner, so it is imperative that you keep them close to you. For more information about coyotes, please call the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 602-942-3000 or visit their website at www.azgfd.com

As we reflect on the past, I want to thank the Pine District community for all you have done. Together, we have turned challenges into accomplishments. We have gathered at community events like Park Fest and District Meetings to celebrate and support our community. I appreciate your support and commitment to our community. Thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to represent you on Peoria City Council. I look forward to serving you in 2014.

Don't forget to sign-up for your Pine District email updates on community activities and the Pine District newsletter by sending an email to pine@peoriaaz.gov and we will take care of the rest.

Willow District - Councilmember Jon Edwards



This first year in office has gone by fast! I'm pleased that Peoria is the first Arizona municipality to appoint a youth liaison to the City Council. When I proposed having two high school students communicate from their perspective at city council meetings, I knew the experience would come with dividends – and their contribution has been better than I imagined. These liaisons are selected from the city's Youth Advisory Board. Do you know a 7th – 11th grader that might be interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board?

Shortly you will hear the announcement regarding the headliner act for the 5th Annual P83 Street Party. This year's show is going to set new standards – you will want to make plans now for March 22 and the daylong party and celebration on 83rd Avenue in the entertainment district.

My colleagues on the Peoria City Council are standing with me currently in the battle to keep billboards away from our neighborhoods. I will continue to carry forward at every opportunity, the strong opposition I've heard from Peorians to the current proposal in Glendale that targets the area of Bell Road and Loop 101 for two of exceedingly tall, multi-faced signs, proposed less than 800' from Peoria homes.

Timely communication is a valuable resource. Willow District E-News messages contain general information that I think is newsworthy to residents. In special project areas, where details and citizen input are critical, I've created more specific communication tools targeting interested residents and businesses with detailed project information immediately as it becomes available. If you are interested in receiving more information on a specific project or you wish to begin receiving Willow District E-News, let me know at willow@peoriaaz.gov. If I can be of assistance in other ways, please contact me at (623) 773-7306.

RECYCLE YOUR TREE!

The city of Peoria encourages residents to recycle Christmas trees this year. Live trees will be accepted at the various drop-off locations from **Dec. 26 to Jan. 5, 2014.**

Remember to remove tree stand, decorations, hooks, and lights. Artificial trees or wreaths will not be accepted.

Please do not drop off your tree at city parks or vacant lots or leave trees on the curbside.

Sunrise Mountain Library – 21109 N. 98th Avenue

Peoria Sports Complex – 16101 N. 83rd Avenue
(Entrance Off Paradise Lane)

Wal-mart – 7975 W. Peoria Avenue

Home Depot – 9201 W. Peoria Avenue

Home Depot – 25650 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Lowe's – 8497 W. Thunderbird Road

Lowe's – 25311 N. Lake Pleasant Road

Wal-mart – 21655 N. Lake Pleasant Pkwy



For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste

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