

# PEORIA NOW

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A monthly publication of city-centered news and current events for the citizens of Peoria, Arizona.

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## in the news

Libraries Seeking Summer Teen Volunteers

Streetlights Replaced in Peoria Neighborhood

Construction Begins On Unique BioScience Incubator

Peoria Named a Top Tree City

Time Capsule Buried in Centennial Plaza

Peoria Recognized For Its Budget Presentation

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## Make A Difference

The Youth Advisory Board is only one of dozens of boards and commissions the Peoria City Council looks to for citizen review and recommendations. Current vacancies are available. For applications and a complete list, contact the Clerk's Office at 623-773-7340; or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/boards](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/boards).

## Cities Lead On Cost Savings

As Arizona emerges from an economic recession, cities and towns are leading by example to find innovative ways to cut costs while still maintaining high levels of service.

In recent years, Arizona's 91 cities and towns have cut their spending by nearly 30 percent to weather the economic downturn. The only way to really do that

without hurting the services that local residents expect and deserve is to be innovative and creative. Peoria did just that by focusing on efficiency measures and eliminating vacant positions for the past three years.

To view Peoria's proposed fiscal year 2013 budget, call 623-773-7346 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/budget](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/budget).

## Caution Behind Street Stripers

Twice a year, the city of Peoria paints the lines in the roadway. The slow-moving equipment is typically followed by another city truck displaying a CAUTION, WET PAINT sign. Drivers are asked to slow down and wait for the trucks to move through. Passing may be hazardous as the striping truck is wide, making it difficult to see ahead to pass safely. Also, the paint will be tacky; driving over it may damage the vehicle. For more information on the Streets Division, call 623-773-7432 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/streets](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/streets).



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# may noted items

- 1** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chamber
- 5** Fiesta! Cinco de Mayo! at Main Library 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 6-27** Peoria Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Osuna Park, every Sunday
- 15** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chamber
- 26-28** Youth Baseball Tournament @ Peoria Sports Complex

# upcoming events june

- 1** Various baseball leagues @ Peoria Sports Complex
- 3-24** Peoria Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Osuna Park, every Sunday
- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chamber
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in Council Chamber

For the most up-to-date info on events, visit: [www.peoriaaz.gov](http://www.peoriaaz.gov)

## Important 2012 Election Dates

The city of Peoria 2012 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 28; the General Election is on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Following are other important Primary Election dates: First day to request an early ballot is May 27; last day to file as a candidate is May 30; last day to submit arguments for publicity pamphlet is June 14; last day to file as a write-in candidate is July 19; last day to register to vote is July 30; first day

## Prevent Water Pollution

*Peoria's drinking water comes from groundwater, and the Colorado, Salt and Verde rivers. All water is treated to Environmental Protection Agency standards and delivered to your taps.*

*Groundwater is susceptible to pollution from oil leaks in cars, pool water, chemicals used in yards, pet waste, and household hazardous material. Rain mixes with these common pollutants, then is delivered through the city's stormwater system into drainage ditches, retention basins, drywells, and washes.*

*Do your part to prevent groundwater pollution. Fix car leaks, don't drain pools or dump pesticides into the sewer system, pick up pet waste, and drop off paint, antifreeze and other household hazardous waste at the city's free events. For more information, call 623-773-7432 or please visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/stormwater](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/stormwater) or [www.peoriaaz.gov/hazmat](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/hazmat).*

to early ballot at satellite locations is Aug. 2. For more information on Peoria elections, call 623-773-7340 or visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/elections](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/elections).

## Read, Play, Win

The Annual Summer Reading Program for kids up to age 17 begins on May 29. Read and enter in a drawing for prizes and a grand prize. All participants also receive free admission to an Arizona Diamondback games. Sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Arizona Republic. For more details, visit [library.peoriaaz.gov](http://library.peoriaaz.gov).



# Keep Your Landscape From Soaking You



**Preserve & Conserve**  
City of Peoria Water Conservation

Peoria has enough water to use,  
but we never have enough to waste.™

Properly design your drip irrigation system to save water and money.

- ✓ Ask questions when buying irrigation components
- ✓ Use separate valves for turf and plant areas
- ✓ Plants with similar water needs on the same valve
- ✓ Avoid oddly shaped or narrow turf areas
- ✓ Avoid extending micro-tubing (spaghetti line) more than six feet from the poly tubing

For more information and to request a free water conservation packet call **623-773-7286** or [conserve.peoriaaz.gov](http://conserve.peoriaaz.gov).

