

Plenty to Do in Peoria

The City of Peoria's Community Services Department works hard all year long to make sure that Peoria residents have plenty of opportunities to learn and play in our community.

And there is plenty going on this Fall to keep you busy!

On November 5, the City of Peoria will honor veterans at Rio Vista Recreation Center with a 5K run/walk and breakfast with the Mayor. I hope you'll make plans to join us as we recognize the men and women of our military who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. Registration begins at 6:00 am and breakfast will begin at 8:00 am.

If you are interested in learning how to Cha Cha or paint your own holiday cards, check out some of the classes offered throughout the Fall. There are many new classes starting during the month of November. Additionally, look for your new *Peoria Focus* in the middle of the month for the Winter class schedule.

Are you a baseball fan? Fall League Baseball has begun at the Peoria Sports Complex and it is a great way to see some of the upcoming stars of Major League Baseball. Past Arizona Fall League players include Derek Jeter, Alfonso Soriano, and Albert Pujols.

The City of Peoria has two trail systems designed for non-vehicular users. Both the New River Trail and the Skunk Creek Trail are great opportunities to get out and walk, jog, or bicycle and enjoy the great weather that Arizona has to offer. The Skunk Creek Trail connects to the Sports Complex, making it convenient to take in a game after your walk.

On December 2, we will re-open Johnny E. Osuna Park in Old Town, followed by the Old Town Holiday Festival and Gingerbread Competition. There is plenty to do at the festival and it is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! There will be carolers, lighted trees, and snow. If you're looking for holiday gifts, stop by the Kris Krafters Market to browse a variety of hand-crafted and specialty items. The Park opening will begin at 4:30 pm, followed by the Festival from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at 83rd Avenue south of Grand.

Have you been to City Hall recently? If not, come down and join us for breakfast or lunch at Café Quench. The café is open from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. There are daily hot lunch specials for \$6.00 that you won't want to miss! Or stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee after spending some time at our new Centennial Park. The Centennial Park has been built to celebrate Arizona's 100th Birthday, which takes place on February 14, 2012, and includes a Decades Walk that will allow you to walk through the history of Peoria.