

## Improving Transportation

Councilman Aames is actively involved in transportation decision-making for our city and represents Peoria on the Maricopa County regional transportation boards.

Recently in the south of our city the widening of Thunderbird Road has been completed, and in the north, Happy Valley Road has been opened. The latest in road design and architecture were employed for these projects. These major roads have greatly improved the flow of our east-west traffic.



In addition to enhancing traffic flow, the Thunderbird widening has added beauty to our district, as this New River Channel bridge night photo shows



Councilman Aames with other city official at Happy Valley Road opening and ribbon cutting

## More Photos and Your Opinions

Please visit my website at <http://www.peoriaaz.gov> if you would like to view more photos of activities, events, and changes in our neighborhoods, district, and city. Also, let me know your opinions about issues or if you have concerns you would like to discuss.

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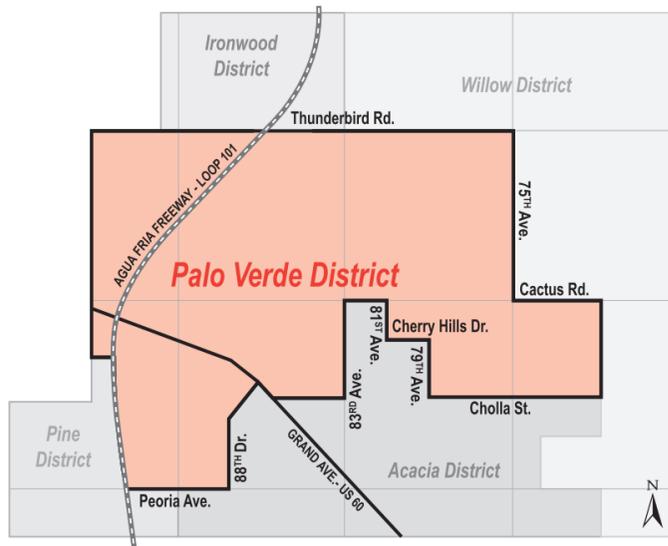
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Councilman Aames with family Golden Retriever at Peoria Old Town Christmas Festival



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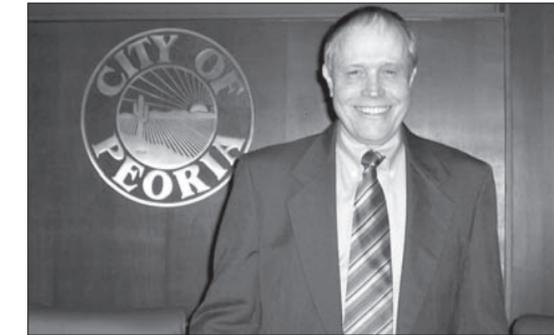


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## NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCILMAN DR. RON AAMES

### Working for You

As your councilperson, I work to make sure your needs are met and that we get a good return from the taxpayer dollars we spend.



By acclamation, the city council elected me vice mayor at the first council meeting of the year. I remain your councilman, but I will now also serve you by officiating at city events when the mayor is not available and by assuming his duties when he is out-of-town.

### Responding to your needs

Since you elected me your councilman, I have helped more than 500 of you resolve city-related matters. Issues I have dealt with on your behalf include:

- Installing neighborhood name signs
- Beautifying our roadside walls and landscaping
- Eliminating graffiti
- Working with the police to keep our neighborhoods safe
- Helping our schools

- Supporting neighborhood block parties
- Reducing speeding on neighborhood streets
- Identifying future city needs
- Reducing property taxes
- Reducing traffic congestion
- Making sure our city services and projects are a good value

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## How can I help you?

What concerns do you have? What do you want improved?

LET'S TALK

*Ron Aames*

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# Palo Verde District



## Improving Our District

### Continuing roadside beautification



New Stuccoed & Painted Wall on 91st south of Grand

The roadside improvement program I got started for our district has led to Peoria establishing a permanent program across all city districts.

Painting and landscaping improvements are part of these enhancements. Many walls sections are also stuccoed.

The latest wall stuccoing and/or painting recently completed, or in progress, in our district are:

Street	From
W. Side of 91 <sup>st</sup>	South of Grand to Mescal
E. Side of 89 <sup>th</sup>	Charter Oak to Sky View
S. Side of Cactus	76 <sup>th</sup> to 79 <sup>th</sup>

The enhancement on the south side of Cactus also includes raising the height of the wall.

Since the onset of the program these walls and rights-of-way have also been beautified in our district:

Street	From
N. Side of Grand	87 <sup>th</sup> to east of 91 <sup>st</sup>
N. Side of Cactus	84 <sup>th</sup> to 89 <sup>th</sup>
W. Side of 75 <sup>th</sup>	Thunderbird to Cactus
Both Sides of 83 <sup>rd</sup>	Cactus to Sweetwater
N. Side of Cactus	79 <sup>th</sup> to 81 <sup>st</sup>
Both Sides of 87 <sup>th</sup>	Cactus to Sweetwater

In addition to making our neighborhoods nicer to live in, these improvements help our property values.

### More neighborhoods getting names

Neighborhood entry signs create neighborhood pride, foster a sense of community, and help visitors find your home.

Since I initiated the program for our district, neighborhood entry signs have been installed for Cactus Heights, Cobblestone Village, Sweetwater Place, Peppermill Run, Foxwood, Cactus Point Crossing, Discovery at the Orchard, Sunset Villages, and the Vineyards.

Let me know if your neighborhood needs a neighborhood entry sign, so we can work together to get you one.



Residents Tim Stahoviak and Jan Field (left) and Anita Davis (right) with Councilman Aames at Discovery of the Orchard Entry Sign Celebration

### Receive a neighborhood grant

For both HOA and non-HOA neighborhoods, livability grants up to \$12,000 are available through the city. So far I have helped the following neighborhoods receive grants:

Neighborhood	Project
Sky View	Wrought-iron fences
Windmill	Roadside planters
Crosswinds	Park security lighting
Villagio Estates	Wall renovation
Garden Point	Turf water conservation

Please contact Councilman Aames to learn about particulars and how to apply.

## A Better City

### Two outstanding residents

We are fortunate to have Coach Doug Clapp as a Palo Verde District resident. He is a dedicated and outstanding coach and teacher, and a great leader of young men. You can usually find Doug at the football field or his office at Peoria High.



Councilman Aames with Coach Doug Clapp at Peoria HS Football Recognition Dinner

Realtor Keslie Halonen organized a very festive Halloween Block Party for the Crystal Cove neighborhood, complete with games, food, and a costume contest. Scores of neighbors had a delightful time. Thank you, Keslie.



Keslie Halonen and husband Nick with Councilman Aames at Crystal Cove Block Party

### Scotland Park design finalized

Two citizen meetings were held to select one of three designs for the new park in our district that will be located south of Grand and Scotland Avenues, between 93rd and the 101 Freeway.

The design chosen includes a pavilion, sports courts, a children's play area, a circular tree-shaded walking area, an enclosed off-leash dog area, and a parking area that will serve the park and act as a link to Peoria's north-south trail system.

The park will open in the summer of 2011.

### Peoria's Neighborhood Pride program

Neighborhood Pride is a city program that works with sponsor organizations to improve the appearance and value of a neighborhood area. Projects involve exterior house painting, fence and gate repair, stone replacement, and removal of unwanted items.



Councilman Aames with LDS Stake President Dave Williams at Sunset Village Neighborhood Phase One Pride Day

In two phases, the Sunset Village West Subdivision recently underwent revitalization through the city's Neighborhood Pride program. The sponsoring organization for the first day phase was The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. For the second day phase, the Church of the Cross, Hope Church, New Life Church, Peoria High School Building Trades, and the Peoria North Rotary Club were the sponsors.

Contact Councilman Aames if you would like your neighborhood to be considered for a Neighborhood Pride project.

## Supporting Community Programs

### Education

In addition to sponsoring programs at our elementary and high schools, Dr. Ron Aames provides support for creative learning programs, such as those the Peoria Challenger Space Center offers our children.



Councilman Aames with Councilwoman Evans and Hubble Mission Astronauts at Challenger Space Center Children's Aerospace Challenge Day

Another important program for learning in our city is the Peoria Unified School District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Councilman Aames is a member of this program's Advisory Commission. The CTE oversees work place and hands-on learning programs for students in our school district.

### Community care

Interfaith Community Care recently held its first annual Festival of Cheer at the Peoria Sports Complex. Dance and singing groups representing cultures from around the world were enthusiastically received by the large crowd. Ethnic food and other activities, such as face painting for the children, were also enjoyed by all.

Interfaith Community Care serves Peoria and other cities in the Northwest Valley through its network of children and adult day care centers. Councilman Aames supports service groups such as Interfaith that provide needed care in our community.



Councilman Aames at Festival of Cheer with Interfaith's CEO Michelle Dionisio (left) and event coordinator Elizabeth Lowe (right)