



Pine District Update

Winter 2009



A word from Councilmember Carlo "Rocky" Leone



I am halfway into my third term as your council representative and I have continued my commitment to serve the best interests of the Pine District residents.

I am available to attend your Block Watch and HOA meetings to bring you up to date on programs and opportunities that the City of

Peoria offers its residents.

I welcome your comments, questions, suggestions and concerns. If you would like to register to vote, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Carlo "Rocky" Leone

How to contact Councilmember Leone

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Something New!

Would you like to receive news items via email? Now you can stay informed about the Pine District with **E*Newsletters!** Sign up by sending an email to: Pine@peoriaaz.gov

NOTE: This list will be used solely by Council member Leone for city news purposes. Your email will not be shared and you will not receive any "spam"



Park West:

A list of the restaurants and shops that have opened since my last newsletter can be found on page 2.

This outdoor shopping center includes relaxing "Bali" lounges and outdoor fireplaces, canopy lined walkways and unique art pieces.

Come visit the **Momma's Organic Market at Park West** on the 3rd Saturday of each month. There will be fresh produce, live music, kids activities, jewelry and much much more. The market is open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

New stores at PEORIA CROSSING at 91st and Northern Avenue:

Office Max, Justice, just for girls and Carters for babies and kids have opened next to **Target**. **Streets of New York Pizza** is open behind **Panda Express**.

Rosati's Pizza is under new management in the Safeway shopping center at 107th and Olive.

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NOW OPEN AT PARK WEST

HARKINS THEATRE
FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE
GRIMALDI'S PIZZA
BJ'S BREWHOUSE
RED BRICK PIZZA
SAND BAR MEXICAN CANTINA
SEE'S CANDY
CHRISTOPHER & BANKS
BRIGHTON COLLECTIBLES
ELEGANT DECOR
CHICO'S WOMEN'S APPAREL
LENS CRAFTERS
THE CHILDREN'S PLACE
SCOTTSDALE JEAN COMPANY
VICTORIA SECRET
BATH & BODY WORKS
PINK
WINESTYLE & GIFTS
FAIR OAKS CIGARS
VERIZON
MYSTIC NAIL & SPA
MASSAGE ENVY
PORTRAIT INNOVATIONS
ICING
VANS
SUNGLASS HUT

The ALTA apartment complex is now open.

COMING SOON

AULD DUBLINER IRISH PUB
BLU BURGER GRILL



PEORIA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Check out all the exciting things that are happening in Peoria by browsing through the Winter 2008 - 2009 edition of the magazine that was delivered to your mailbox.

There are schedules of events for the Sports Complex, Library, Parks and Recreation Departments.

Some of the upcoming events are:

ROB CRIST RV SHOW & SALE
MAGIC BIRD ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
PIONEER DAY PARADE
CAR SEAT CHECK
BANNER THUNDERBIRD SAFETY FAIR
BUMPERS AUGO SWAP MEET
SPRING TRAINING 2009
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
SENIOR FUN WALK
TURKEY TROT.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Peoria Diamond Club, the official non-profit charity group of the Peoria Sports Complex, is seeking volunteers to help support stadium operations for the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres Spring Training games. Duties include ticket taking, ushering and parking assistance. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and enjoy interacting with a variety of people. For more information, call 623-773-8710



SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registration for the Adult Soccer teams, Adult Racquetball, Adult Flag Football and Adult Basketball.

You can register at the Development & Community Services Building at 9875 N. 85th Avenue or go to <http://recreation.peoriaaz.gov>. You can also call 623-773-7725 for more information.

TEEN PROGRAMS

The city Teen Team is offering the following programs for teens 12 -17.

AZ Skatepark Tour

TEEN Coyotes Game Night

Spring Break Magic Mtn Trip

Spring Break River Raft Trip

**Go to: ReConnect: <http://recreation.peoriaaz.gov>
or call 623-773-7725**

PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BRANCH coming early spring 2009 Check out the progress on our new Branch Library. Visit our website to view pictures from our webcam.

Come see our new Express Check area. We now have 3 self check machines for your convenience. Check out New Release DVD's, Free Computer Access, Bestsellers, Storytime, eBooks and Free Children's Programs.

LIBRARY FEST 2009! MARCH 14th

Join us for a day of fun, games and activities for the whole family. Also, the Friends of the Library will have a mega book sale! Visit our website for more details. <http://library-peoriaaz.gov>



NEW CONSTRUCTION

A temporary sidewalk will be installed on the south side of Peoria Avenue between 95th Avenue and the Loop 101.

There is a permanent sidewalk being installed on the south side of Olive Avenue between 95th and 111th Avenues.

103rd Avenue is being widened between Olive and Northern Avenues and a traffic signal will be installed at 103rd and Northern Avenues.

A new half street has been installed on 89th Avenue from Olive to Hatcher Avenues.

PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY CITY NOTICES UNTIL YOU READ THEM!

PLEASE READ any mail that comes From City Hall very carefully. The Notices that the city sends out are very important.

FORECLOSURES

If you know of any foreclosures in your neighborhood, please contact me or Code Compliance at 623-773-7226 or call the Supervisor Jack Stroud at 773-7263 or Josephine at 773-7162 so we can make sure that the property is not overgrown with weeds and spoil your neighborhood.

PINE DISTRICT FUNDS EXPENDITURES

Each Fiscal Year every Councilmember and Mayor receive a budget of \$30,000 called District Funds. These funds are discretionary and may be used by The Councilmember (in accordance with a set of policies) to support community efforts and projects. Below are some ways in which I've used the Pine District Funds in Fiscal Year 2009.

- Postcards for Northern Avenue
- Parkway improvements
- Kellis HS Spiritline Program
- Kellis HS Girls Basketball Team
- PHS Gridiron Booster Club
- PHS Boy's Basketball Boosters
- Antioch Global Outreach
- Kellis HS Football Booster Club
- CB Sluggers Softball Team
- PPOA Charities
- Kellis HS FSB Open
- Alta Loma Booster Club
- PHS "Close" Up Program
- New River Ranch HOA
- PFF Charities
- Peoria Guys Read Program at Cotton Boll Elementary
- Postcard mailing for Electronic Newsletter
- Kellis HS "Best Buddies" Program
- Kellis HS Soccer Booster Club
- Kellis HS "Invisible Children" Program



Neighborhood Grant Program

The Neighborhood Grant Program provides financial assistance for neighborhood-based improvement projects to prevent the decline of neighborhoods throughout the city. Currently the Neighborhood Grant Program is funded at \$100,000. Up to \$12,000 may be awarded toward any single eligible project.

Who Can Apply?

Traditional neighborhoods and HOA communities.

HOA Cash Match Requirement

A 50% cash match is required for grantees representing neighborhoods that have a mandated monthly fee and assessment capabilities. A waiver provision for HOAs that are not fiscally stable will be considered on a case by case basis.

Application/Selection Process

Applications will be accepted year round. Selections will be made approximately 60 days from the date of submittal. Neighborhood Grant applications are available online at:

http://www.peoriaaz.gov/uploadedFiles/NeighborhoodGrant_application.pdf

For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Division at: 623-773-5140

Shopping Carts

It is illegal to remove shopping carts from the shopping centers. If you see an abandoned cart on the street, please call 1-800-843-2278. This is a free service and someone will pick up and return the cart to the proper store.

City Council Meetings

You can watch the City Council meetings on Cox Cable channel 11 or if you don't have cable but have a computer, you can go to the city's web site, www.peoriaaz.gov, and click on Channel 11

Safety Suggestions

Do not leave your doors open or unlocked when you leave the house. Keep your garage door down and locked.

Keep it local.

PEORIAfirst

www.peoriaazfirst.com

Sales tax generated here helps pay for things you count on, like police officers, fire fighters, parks, libraries, recreation programs and street maintenance.

So whether you are buying holiday gifts, a new car, or just having lunch, remember that every dollar spent locally helps your city. Remember, Peoria first.

To get the most from your tax dollars, look for the Peoria First symbol at restaurants and businesses.

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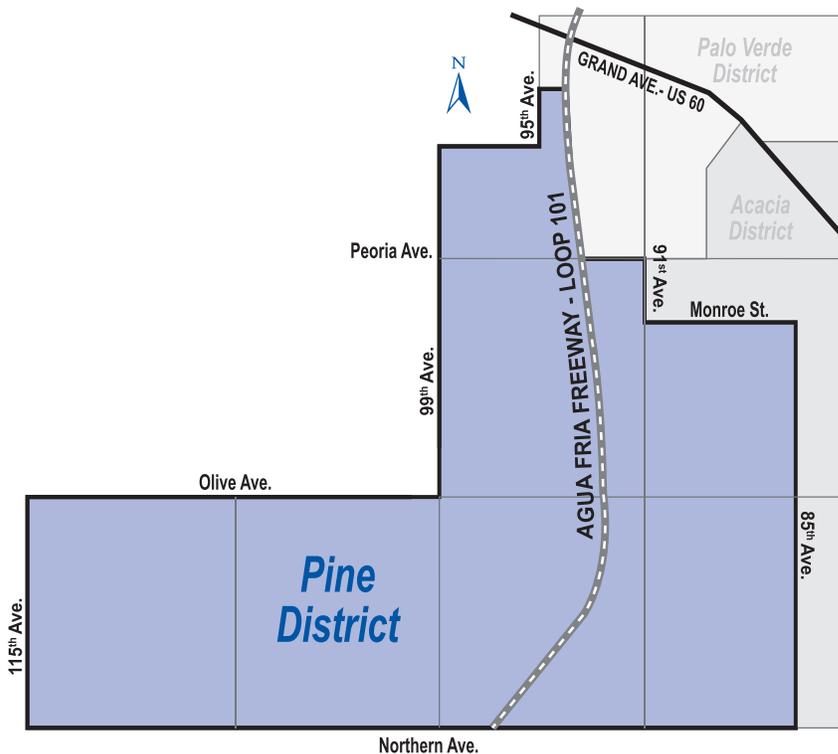
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Peoria City Council Meetings

The Peoria City Council usually meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Peoria City Council Chamber, 8401 W. Monroe St.

Council agendas, meeting minutes, and other information are available on the city's website at www.peoriaaz.gov/council or you may call the City Clerk's Office at **623-773-7340** for agendas and more information.

All City Council Meetings are broadcast live on Peoria's Channel 11 (on Cox and Qwest cable) and re-broadcast daily at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. through the following Sunday. Study Sessions are re-broadcast at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during weeks when they preceded the Council Meeting being aired.

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