



Pine District Update

Spring 2010



A Word from Councilmember Carlo "Rocky" Leone



Some of the important things that I have done, and continue to do, is to be visible in the community and be accessible to my constituents. I attend many city events such as youth sports games, school banquets, parades, and homeowner association meetings. I am available to attend

your Block Watch and HOA meetings and bring you up-to-date on programs and opportunities that the City of Peoria offers its residents.

I have been your councilman for the past 11 years and I enjoy representing my constituents. I hope I can continue to serve you as your councilman for the next 4 years.

I hope you will contact me and let me know your comments, concerns and suggestions that will continue to make the Pine District a great place to live.

Keep Up-to-Date on Current Events!

You can now receive news items via e-mail. Stay up-to-date on what is happening in the city and especially in the Pine District by signing up for the **E*News**.

Contact me at: **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.

How to contact Councilmember Leone

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Please Do Not Throw Away City Notices!

Please read any mail that comes from the City of Peoria very carefully. The notices that the city sends out are very important.

Barking Dog Hotline

To report a barking dog, call the hotline at 623-773-7040. Any of the department's Animal Control Officers who personally observe excessive barking can issue a citation to the owner. If our investigation of a barking dog does not result in such an observation, we will continue to respond to subsequent complaints in an attempt to observe the violation.

Keep It Local



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

Whether you are buying holiday gifts, a new car, or just having lunch, remember that every dollar spent locally helps your city. Peoria First!

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

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Park West

In addition to the Harkins Theater, Park West has a number of restaurants to enjoy. The newest are Blu Burger Grill and Auld Dubliner Irish Pub. For dessert you can get a great ice cream treat at Maggie Moo's!

Come to Park West on the third Saturday of every month through April and visit **Momma's Organic Market**. In addition to the fresh produce, there will be live music, kids activities (including a petting zoo), jewelry, and much, much more. The market is open from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The market is also open on Thursday nights from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Peoria Crossing

The latest stores to open on the west end of Peoria Crossing, at 91st and Northern, in addition to Bed Mart and Sprint, are Scrubs, Kinko's/Fed Ex, Ron Deuch Tax Center, Armed Forces Career Center, Next Care Urgent Care, and a nail salon.

New to the Pine District

Hospice of the Valley opened its administration office building this year at Peoria and 95th Avenue. **CVS** has opened its new store at 99th and Peoria Avenues.

Spring Training Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy baseball games and interacting with a variety of people? If so, 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, program selling, and parking assistance. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old. For more information call: 623-773-8710

New River Trail

Hikers, bikers and walkers can take advantage of the New River Trail that opened recently at Rio Vista. You can now travel uninterrupted from Grand Avenue north under the Thunderbird bridge, past Rio Vista Community Park and east under 83rd Avenue and Loop 101 to the Skunk Creek Trail connection at 75th Avenue.

Peoria Public Library System

The Peoria library is now live with a new library software system, "Polaris". You will see a different look to the catalog and patron accounts. Classes will be offered to the public to learn the new catalog, look up materials, place holds, and much more.

Maricopa County Workforce Program

The Main Peoria Library has partnered with the Maricopa County Workforce Program to help people looking for employment. Visit the library to learn more about applying for jobs online and employment training programs offered through the county such as job search, career development and planning, use of office equipment for job searching, and networking.

Library hours at the Main and Sunrise Mountain branches are:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.,
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.,
Sunday: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information go to:

www.library.peoriaaz.gov or call: 623-773-7566



Peoria Community Center

The Community Center offers many programs for all ages at 8335 W. Jefferson.

For Seniors

Join us for afternoon tea dances on Thursday from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Come and dance to the music of Bobby Freeman, the organist for the AZ Diamondbacks. There is a \$4.00 admission that includes refreshments and a door prize ticket.

Lunch

Lunch is served Monday-Friday at 11:45 a.m. A \$2.50 donation and 24 hour notice are requested. To register for meals or transportation information, call the CAP Office at: 623-979-3911.

Programs

The Community Center also offers exercise programs, line dancing, blood pressure screenings, and many social games including bingo, bridge and Wii bowling. There are programs for everyone, including individuals with a disability, teen and adult programs, as well as programs for young children. Preschool classes include music, crafts, dance, and sports programs. For more information on these and other programs, contact the Peoria Community Center at: 623-773-7436

Rio Vista Recreation Center
8866-A W. Thunderbird Rd.
www.peoriaaz.gov/riovista
623-773-8600

Programs offered at Rio Vista include: open gym activities, racquetball/wallyball courts, group exercise classes, yoga, Pilates, a climbing wall, video game room, and indoor track.

Rio Vista Hours of Operation

The facility is open Monday - Friday from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Call or check the web site for pass rate information.

Rental space for special occasions can be reserved in the Lakeview Room. Please visit www.peoriaaz.gov/riovista for rental rates and available dates.

Be Fit, Don't Sit

Kellis High School Boys Varsity Cougar Soccer team won the State Championship. The Awards Ceremony and Banquet for JV, and Varsity Boys and Girls teams was held Tuesday, February 26, 2008.

Kellis High School will graduate its first senior class this year.

Youth Sports Programs

Some of the sports programs offered by the City of Peoria are: Girls Softball Little League, Annual Winter Junior Golf Tournament, Summer Teen Sports Camps, Little League Baseball for Boys and Girls Ages 8-12. **Go to RecConnect:** <http://recreation.peoriaaz.gov> or call 623-773-7725.



Council member Leone volunteers at the Peoria Historical Society Museum every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Construction Warning!!!

Please use caution as you approach the Loop 101 from Olive Avenue to 91st Avenue. **ADOT** is widening Olive Avenue to 3 lanes in each direction and adding more freeway access turn lanes.

Sidewalks have been installed on 107th Avenue and 111th Avenue just south of Olive. There is a sidewalk extension on the north side of Olive Avenue between 87th and 89th Avenues.

Sidewalks will be installed in the near future on Northern Avenue from 103rd to 99th Avenues.

I am also trying to get sidewalks installed on 99th Avenue from Butler to Olive Avenue, on both sides of the street. This will have to be included in next year's Capital Improvement Plan.

Northern Avenue Parkway

I am still against widening Northern Avenue to a 6-8 lane parkway. Traffic has been running smoothly since the traffic signals were installed at 99th, 103rd and 107th Avenues.

Luke Air Force Base

I strongly support having Luke be the base to train pilots in the F-35. Luke is the largest employer in the state and contributes \$2.17 billion annually to our economy. To show your support for Luke, go to www.lukeforward.com

A Letter From a Constituent

I have received many, many letters and emails from constituents and I would like to share this one with you:

Hi Mr. Leone,

It's Nancie, your friend in the power wheelchair in Peoria. I was going to Safeway on 107th Ave. and noticed brand new sidewalk on the opposite side of the street going to the CVS Pharmacy! I am writing to say THANK YOU to all involved. Things continue to get easier for the disabled citizens in the area.

Nancie

Neighborhood Grant Program

The Neighborhood Grant Program provides financial assistance for neighborhood-based improvement projects that help prevent the decline of neighborhoods throughout the city. The current funding for the Neighborhood Grant Program is 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 an HOA that is 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 at:

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

For more information and applications contact the Neighborhood Services Division at: 623-773-5140.

Budget Meetings

The City of Peoria will hold hearings on the 2010/2011 budget. The meetings will be held in April 2010. The public is welcome to attend these meetings. A definite date will be published in the Peoria Times and will be posted on the city website: www.peoriaaz.gov.



Foreclosures

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

Keep Your Neighborhood Clean

Trim trees and shrubs, keep your lawns free of weeds and pick up after your dogs. In addition, please place your trash container at the curb by 6:00 a.m. and return it to your yard by 6:00 p.m.

Report violations to me or Code Compliance. Lets keep our neighborhoods and the city clean!

Safety Suggestions

Please do not leave your doors and windows open or unlocked when you leave your home. Keep your garage door down and locked, even when you are at home. Leave a key with a friend or neighbor, so they can check on your property while you are away and stop newspaper delivery. Give them your contact information in case they need to get in touch with you.

If someone comes to your door, do not admit them into your home unless you have arranged for a service call. Always ask for identification. If you feel threatened please call the Peoria Police Department at **911**.

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.

Pine District Discretionary Funds

Each fiscal year, every council member and the mayor receive a budget of \$30,000 called District Funds.

These funds are discretionary and may be used by the council member (in accordance with legal and financial policies) to support community efforts and projects. Below are some ways in which I've used the Pine District Funds in Fiscal year 2009:

- Kellis High School Trophy Case
- Kids & Strangers DVD
- Peoria Educational Enrichment Foundation
- Police Department Police Activities
- Sun Valley Elementary School
- HOPE Center Health Fair
- American Legion Girls State Program
- Peoria High School Gridiron Club
- Cheyenne Elementary School
- Peoria High School Sluggers Booster Club
- Raymond Kellis High School Girls Basketball
- Peoria High School Volleyball Boosters
- Kellis High School Volleyball Team
- Arizona Gridiron Cultural Exchange
- Peoria Firefighters Golf Tournament
- Theater Works Summer Camp
- Boys & Girls Club
- Kellis High School Football Boosters Club
- Peoria Historical Society
- Kellis High School Music Booster Club
- Peoria Police Officers Association Shop-with-a Cop
- COP Breast Cancer Awareness
- Peoria Fire Fighters Charities
- Peoria Jail Museum



Code Compliance

The goal of Code Compliance is to promote the health, safety and welfare of residents by protecting neighborhoods from blight and deterioration. Enforcing City codes is not the only tool used to eliminate blight, Code Compliance officers provide valuable information to the public as well as sessions to educate and inform them of the City codes.

Complaint Hotline: 623-773-7226

Common Code Violations

Vegetation/Weeds - Property owners are responsible for maintaining their properties and the adjacent right-of-way free of dead or dried vegetation (weeds, tall grass, shrubs, trees, etc.) All dead or dried vegetation must be removed from property. Property owners are responsible for ensuring that weeds, or grass do not exceed six inches in height and do not create a danger to public health through the breeding or harboring of harmful insects or other pests. For lots in excess of one acre, a firebreak must be used between the adjacent properties and the subject property.

Parking - There are limits to the amount of residential yard area that may be used for a driveway or parking. Parking vehicles anywhere other than these designated areas may be a violation. Designated parking areas must be dust-proofed according to City specifications and contiguous to a legal parking area.

Inoperable Vehicles - All abandoned or inoperable vehicles or vehicles in residential areas being restored or repaired for longer than 48 hours shall be stored safely within a lawful, permitted enclosed building or structure or screened by a lawful six foot fence. Inoperable vehicle means a motor vehicle that by reason of dismantling, disrepair, expired tags, deflated tires, missing tires or other causes is incapable of being legally driven on the street.

Litter & Debris - Litter and debris must be disposed of properly. This includes vehicle parts, appliances, indoor furniture, boxes, mattresses, lumber, scrap iron, tin & other metals unless stored safely out of public view.

Holiday/Occasion Decorations - Decorations shall not be displayed in such a manner that will create a pedestrian or vehicle hazard. Decorations containing electrical wiring are presumed to be hazardous if displayed for more than 120 consecutive days.

Recreational Vehicles - Recreational vehicles, including boats, campers, utility trailers and motor homes, must be parked within an enclosed garage or in the side or rear yards behind a solid six foot fence. They are allowed to be parked in the driveway before and after use for loading and unloading only.

Commercial Vehicles - Commercial vehicles, including all vehicles weighing in excess of 10,000 GVWR and a one ton chassis must be parked in the side or rear yard, screened by a six foot fence, except when in the process of loading and unloading.

Fence in Disrepair - Fences must be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair. Any fence that has become deteriorated or dangerous shall be restored to its original condition.

Building Permit - All additions to existing buildings and sheds or detached structures in excess of 200 sq. feet or taller than 8 ft. in height are required to have building permits prior to construction.

Garage, Yard, Craft or Similar Sales - The owner or occupant of any real property may conduct up to 4 sales per calendar year, or up to a total of 60 consecutive hours, whichever is reached first. Four (4) signs on stakes are permitted per event.

Premises I.D. - All buildings shall have approved address numbers (minimums of 4" high and 1 1/2" width) placed in a position plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

Sidewalks & Driveways - All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free from obstructions or hazardous conditions.

Swimming Pools - Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and kept in good repair. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

Blight Conditions - All property shall be maintained from blight, including uses customarily maintained out of public view such as clothes lines, animal facilities, etc. All front yards shall be landscaped with grass or rocks within 60 days of the certificate of occupancy and maintained continuously.



Frequently Requested Contact Numbers

(All numbers are in the 623 area code unless otherwise noted)

Abandoned Vehicles (on private property).....	773-7226
Abandoned Vehicles (on city streets).....	773-8311
Animal Control.....	773-8311
Business License.....	773-7160
Bus Service (Valley Metro).....	602-253-5000
Chamber of Commerce (tourism & business info).....	979-3601
City Clerk (council sessions, voter/city election info).....	773-7140
City Council & Mayor.....	773-7306
City Court.....	773-7400
Code Enforcement (tall weeds, abandoned vehicles).....	773-7226
Community Action Program.....	979-3911
Community Center.....	773-7436
Community Services (recreation, sports, parks).....	773-7137
Construction Permits (private property).....	773-7225
Dial-A-Ride (Peoria).....	773-7435
Employment Hotline.....	773-7105
Garbage & Trash (Solid Waste).....	773-7431
Garbage & Trash Service (billing information).....	773-7160
General City Information.....	773-7000
Graffiti Hotline.....	773-7094
Hazardous Waste Disposal.....	773-7441
Justice Court (small claims, marriage license).....	602-395-0294
Lake Pleasant.....	602-372-7460
Library (main).....	773-7555
Library (Sunrise Mountain Branch).....	487-5150

Mosquitoes (Maricopa County).....	602-506-6616
Parks & Recreation.....	773-7137
Passports.....	773-7340
Peoria Sports Complex.....	773-7110
Police (non-emergency).....	773-8311
Schools (Peoria Unified).....	486-6000
Streets (repairs, lights).....	773-7432
Taxes (City Sales/Use).....	773-7160
Taxes, Property (Maricopa County).....	602-506-3406
Voter Registration (Maricopa County).....	602-506-1511
Water (new service, billing, meter problems).....	773-7160
Water Conservation.....	773-7286
NOT SURE WHO TO CALL?	
GENERAL CITY INFORMATION.....	623-773-7000

POLICE, FIRE, AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DIAL.....911

Other 24-hour Numbers

Traffic Accidents (non-emergency).....	773-8311
Fire Dept. (After hours non-emergency).....	773-8311
Parks - (After hours emergency).....	773-8311
Police - (Non-emergency).....	773-8311
Poison Control (AZ Health Services Dept.).....	602-253-3334
Sewers, Clogged	
Industrial Users.....	733-7433
Sanitary Sewers.....	773-7433
Storm Sewers.....	773-7432
Sewer Roaches, Odor.....	773-7433
Water Leaks, Broken Hydrants.....	773-7433

Boards and Commissions

The City of Peoria has several volunteer positions available on advisory boards and commissions. There are 20 boards and commissions for consideration. If you have a few hours each month to dedicate and have a passion for volunteering, this is for you. Some of the boards and commissions are: The Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, the Youth Advisory Board, and the Arts Commission. If you are interested in learning more about any one of these advisory positions, contact me or the City Clerk's office at 623-773-7340 for an application. Once received, your application will remain in the active files for one year. Appointments are made whenever there is a vacancy, and the city provides required training to all newly appointed board and commission members.

The Youth Advisory Board is made up of 21 local junior high and high school students who act as advisors to the city on issues pertaining to the youth of Peoria. Members have a unique opportunity for learning by attending national conferences and even a visit to Peoria's Sister City: the Borough of Ards, Northern Ireland. The board meets in open public meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Library Board renders advisory opinions on matters relating to operating hours, amounts to be charged for overdue books, library programs and promotion of library services.

The Parks and Recreation Board develops advisory recommendations for recreational facilities and services. It also renders advisory opinions on grant applications, licenses and permits for recreational facilities.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for recommending planning and zoning policies governing land use in Peoria. It also reviews and recommends approval of zoning codes and annual revisions to the city's General Plan.

The Arts Commission promotes arts and culture for Peoria. It recommends the acquisition of art for the city's public art collection, and is involved in activities promoting the visual arts, performing arts, and arts in education.

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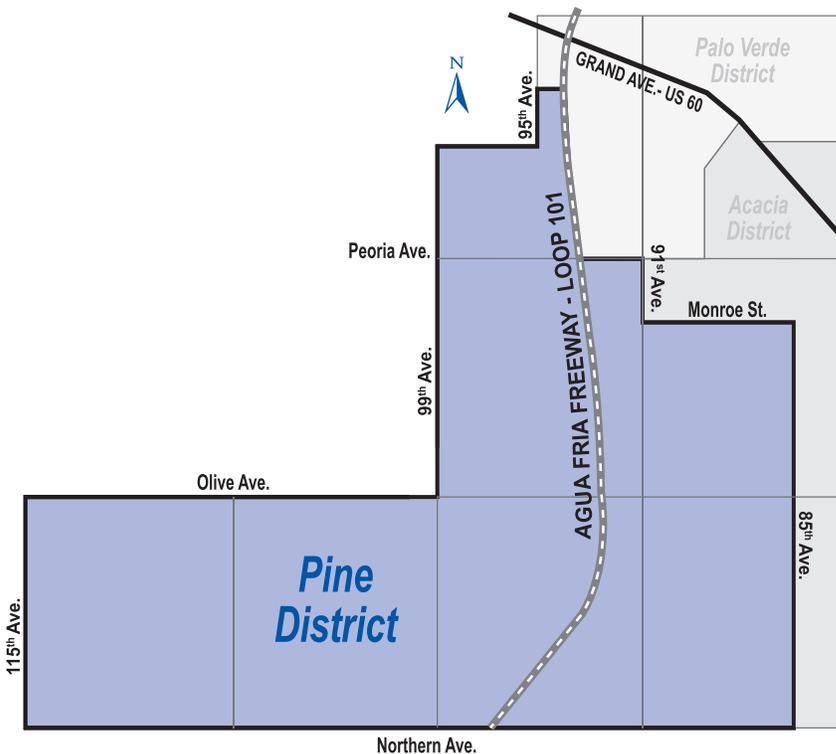
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Peoria City Council Meetings

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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