

Holiday Gifts Bought in Peoria Keep on Giving

"Peoria First" Reminds Residents to Shop in Their Own Best Interests

As the holiday season nears, city officials are once again urging residents to shop Peoria First.

It's an important message, because sales-tax revenue makes up a large portion of the city's general fund, which really is the city's operating fund. This money pays for police and fire, for parks and recreation, for adult and children's programs, for the library and virtually everything else the city does for its citizens.

And it's a win-win scenario for residents.

"If you do your shopping in Peoria stores, that money comes back to you," says Mayor Bob Barrett. "And it's a bargain: Peoria's retail sales-tax rate is lower than that of Glendale, Phoenix and Surprise."

The Peoria First campaign, in its second year, is centered around a Web site: www.peoriaazfirst.com, which offers maps showing shopping centers within Peoria's city limits and comparisons of Peoria's sales-tax rate to those of nearby cities.

"We're trying to promote and support local businesses, educate our residents about the value of shopping locally and create a sense of loyalty for Peoria businesses," says Maria Laughner, who oversees the Peoria First program for the city's Economic Development Services Department.

To that end, Peoria First is sponsoring the boosters' clubs at all four high schools in Peoria. When the segment of Happy Valley Road from 67th Avenue to 83rd Avenue opened in December 2008, Peoria First showed up and brought along 34 Peoria businesses. An encore is planned when the segment from 83rd Avenue to Lake Pleasant Parkway opens in November.

Since the city limits are not obvious to people, Laughner says, "We want to make sure Peoria residents know where the city boundaries are." To help identify Peoria businesses, the city has added streetlight banners to seven different shopping areas:

- Happy Valley Parkway and Lake



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Pleasant Parkway.

- The Arrowhead Entertainment District.

- The Peoria Arrowhead Auto Mile.

- Thunderbird Road from 83rd Avenue to Loop 101.

- Oldtown Peoria.

- 91st Avenue from Peoria Avenue to Monroe Street.

- The north side of Northern

Avenue from 91st Avenue to 99th Avenue.

Going forward, Laughner plans to expand the Peoria First Web site to include a business directory and create a mechanism for Peoria retailers to publicize promotions and special offers.

For more information on Peoria First, visit www.peoriaazfirst.com



**HAPPY VALLEY ROAD
GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION**

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MORE INFO INSIDE THE BUILDING PEORIA INSERT

East Meets West Thanks to Trail Connection

New Segment Takes Users Under Loop 101, 83rd Avenue

Saturday, Oct. 10, was big day for the Valley's regional trail system as Peoria dedicated a half-mile segment connecting the Skunk Creek Trail, south of the Peoria Sports Complex, to the New River Trail at the north end of Rio Vista Community Park.

The new segment takes trail users underneath 83rd Avenue and Loop 101, connecting Peoria with its neighboring trails systems.

"It is probably the most important linkage for the city of Peoria," says Community Services Director J.P. de la Montaigne. "It also gives us a nice connection that ties into the whole Valley. It opens up the entire metropolitan area."

Connection to what?

The existing Skunk Creek Trail takes



users east northeast to the vicinity of 75th Avenue and Paradise Lane. From there, they can access the Thunderbird Paseo Trail, which heads southeast through Glendale and Phoenix, or continue northeast along Skunk Creek

to Glendale Foothills Park, which is on the north side of Union Hills Drive east of 59th Avenue.

On the New River side, 10 of the 18 miles of trail are complete in Peoria. However, there are several linkages that need to be completed to tie the entire trail system together, and much of that work is currently in progress. Peoria has created partnerships to work with county, state and federal agencies. If all goes according to plan, there should be a continuous trail from the city's southern border at Northern Avenue to a half-mile north of Deer Valley Road in about two years – that's more than 10 continuous miles of trail with underpasses at every street crossing.

At the moment, one can head north

from Rio Vista about two miles to just north of Bell Road.

South of Rio Vista, the trail extends about three miles before coming to an ending point beneath the Grand Avenue railroad bridge. There is no exit there, so one must turn around and go back to Thunderbird Road. Beneath the bridge is the site of one of Peoria's newest public art projects. Children from 15 local schools painted more than 1,000 ceramic tiles depicting the theme, "Water in the Desert." Groups of these 6-inch tiles are displayed on the abutments beneath the bridge on both ends.

For more information on Peoria trails, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/hikingtrails

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August

- Accepted a \$38,000 federal grant from the Justice Department to upgrade mobile computers and thus enable data sharing among units within the Police Department.
- Accepted a \$30,000 state grant to cover increased enforcement of seatbelt laws.

September

- Accepted a \$3,000 grant from Target for children's programming at Sunrise Mountain Library.
- Accepted a \$12,873 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to purchase smoke detectors and fire investigation equipment.
- Awarded \$95,444 to Agave Environmental Contracting Inc. for the Lake Pleasant Mobile Home Estates landscape improvements.
- Awarded \$96,582 to J. Banicki Construction Inc. for the construction of the Desert Harbor sound wall extension along Thunderbird Road, west of 91st Avenue.
- Authorized the city manager to execute a Design and Construction Services Contract with Arizona Public Service (APS) for burying overhead power lines, installing street lights, and providing power to various traffic signals associated with the Happy Valley Road roadway and drainage improvements.

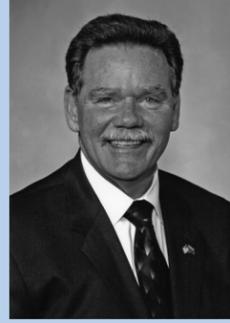
October

- Authorized an intergovernmental agreement in the amount of \$461,548 with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to purchase and install equipment for the Hybrid Fiber to Wireless Project.
- Authorized \$455,941 for final construction costs for the 99th Avenue Wastewater Interceptor Upgrade.
- Authorized \$35,800 to purchase new security equipment, including an X-ray machine for baggage and parcel inspection and a magnetometer walk-through metal detector, for the new court building expansion.
- Approved about \$1.3 million for construction services as a part of the Olive Avenue and Loop 101 Traffic Interchange Improvements Project.

Mayor's Report

Channel 11 Operations Focused on the Future

Municipal TV Develops New Programming, Breaks Bonds of Cable



There has been a lot of exciting news from Peoria Channel 11 since workers finished its state-of-the-art new studio last year.

This summer, Channel 11 launched two new shows:

- The REC Show is a roughly 20-minute program hosted by Elizabeth Eckel that highlights recreational, educational and cultural opportunities in Peoria.

• Peoria Pulse is a five-minute community update hosted by Stew Radawec.

The new programs joined the station's Focus TV, a 30-minute monthly newsmagazine hosted by Tess Dumlao that debuted in November 2008.

For content, Channel 11 crews have been out highlighting city programs, filming special events and profiling local businesses.

The station also televises City Council meetings and study sessions, as well as meetings of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

That's a lot to accomplish in a little over a year. I commend the small staff at the station for their hard work. But it can't stop there.

Communications technology evolves rapidly, and we don't want our station to become obsolete. As it is, Channel 11 telecasts are seen only by Cox and Qwest cable subscribers – and the latter is in the process of getting out of the cable TV business. If we want Channel 11 to reach the largest number of Peorians, the future is on the Internet.

The station began streaming live at www.peoriaaz.gov/channel11 in July 2008. Now, every one of the programs I mentioned above is Webcast on demand. Watch City Council and P&Z actions live, or whenever it's convenient. Watch the news shows any time. Channel 11 even has previous episodes archived on the Web site.

Favor a particular show? Channel 11 has provided shortcuts to find it. Type in www.peoriaaz.gov and then add /focustv, /recshow or /pulse. Other time savers? Longer Webcasts, such as City Council meetings or Focus TV, are indexed so viewers can jump directly to sections that interest them.

This is really cool stuff, folks. And it's all designed to improve your access to local government. If you haven't already discovered this information source, I urge you to check it out.

Mayor Bob Barrett

CITY COUNCIL District Roundup



Contact the Mayor and Council by calling 623-773-7306.

Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Peoria City Council Chamber, 8401 West Monroe Street

Call the City Clerk's Office at 623-773-7340 for agendas or more information.

Council agenda packets and meeting minutes are also available at www.peoriaaz.gov/council

All regular City Council meetings are broadcast live on Peoria Channel 11 and online at www.peoriaaz.gov/channel11.

Acacia District – Councilmember Vicki Hunt

Austin Commercial recently volunteered to refurbish the Peoria Historical Museum Central School building, which was constructed in the early 1900's. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the buildings become home to the Historical Society, which oversees the museum operations. As the building contractor for the Loop 303 in northern Peoria, Austin Commercial has developed an outstanding relationship in the community. Austin crews dedicated personal time to the museum project, and they even brought in some of their commercial partners such as Dean Fence and Gate, Arizona Pro Paint, and Sherwin Williams. The project - including painting, plastering, and repair - was completed in less than two weeks.

Ironwood District – Councilmember Dave Pearson

Recently Peoria dedicated a new connection between the New River and Skunk Creek recreational trails. Now trail users can cross under Loop 101 and 83rd Avenue via this connection of the New River Trail, at the north end of Rio Vista Park, and the Skunk Creek Trail east of 83rd Avenue. This federally funded underpass makes Rio Vista Community Park accessible by pedestrians from the east side of Loop 101 without having to negotiate vehicular traffic in the area.

Mesquite District – Councilmember Cathy Carlat

The new Sunrise Mountain Library not only is beautiful, it's also environmentally friendly. For example, the placement of the glass walls was designed to maximize the use of natural lighting; artificial turf in the courtyards require no water; and building materials were obtained locally to reduce the carbon footprint. These and many more "green" features earned this impressive building the Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Award of Merit in September. Sustainability can be beautiful and practical too!

Palo Verde District – Councilmember Ron Aames

Soon residents of the Palo Verde District will be able to enjoy a new park and trailhead that will connect to the city's north-to-south trail system. Scotland Yard Park will be located south of Grand and Scotland avenues, between 93rd Avenue and the Loop 101. Design work for the park is underway and it will be built in 2010. If you would like to learn more about this park, please contact Councilmember Ron Aames at 623-773-7306 or ron.aames@peoriaaz.gov.

Pine District – Councilmember Carlo Leone

Join Mamma's Organic Market for a new season of fun for the whole family! The market, also known as MOM, occurs every third Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Park West Shopping Center, 9744 W. Northern Ave., just west of the Loop 101. Pick up fresh produce, homemade goods, and unique gifts; or just come out for live music, petting zoo, or bouncy house. The next MOM is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21. For more information, visit www.mommasorganicmarket.com.

Willow District – Vice Mayor Joan Evans

The Air Force has begun the process to determine what base they will use for the new F-35 Lightning II. The good news is that Luke Air Force Base is a great candidate for this mission. Luke is not only an important part of the West Valley and Arizona, but also a major training facility for Air Force pilots who keep us safe and protect our freedoms. Now you can do your part to show your support for Luke now and in the future by visiting www.Lukeforward.com. Registering your support on this site will demonstrate the high level of community support that exists for selecting Luke as the future training base for the F-35.

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Find more information online at:

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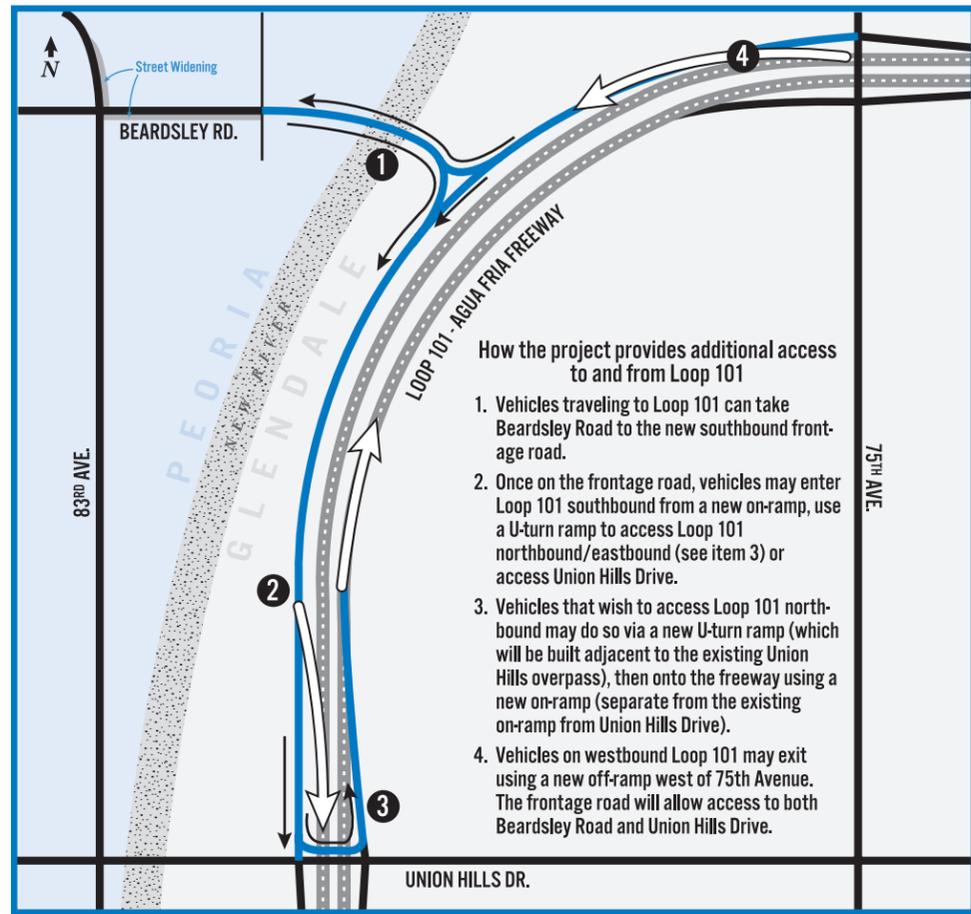
Construction to Get Started on Beardsley Connector

Long-Awaited Project Will Ease Traffic Congestion

Construction begins in January on the long-awaited Beardsley Connection to Loop 101.

The \$30 million project will ease the pressure on the interchanges at Union Hills Drive and 75th Avenue by extending Beardsley Road east of 83rd Avenue and across New River to the freeway. Its main components will be a bridge over the river, a one-way frontage road along the outer side of Loop 101 from 75th Avenue to Union Hills and a U-turn bridge adjacent to the existing Union Hills bridge, which will be widened.

The various components of the project will be built at the same time. For motorists, that means the pain will be intense but short – much like ripping off a Band-Aid. And the sting is being eased by about \$12 million in federal stimulus money, plus federal Surface Transportation Program funding approved by the Maricopa Association of Governments.



So what can the public expect by early 2012?

Beardsley Road will be two lanes in each direction east of 83rd Avenue, with a roundabout at 81st Avenue. It will bridge New River and connect with the aforementioned frontage road. Along with the new U-turn bridge, the frontage road will provide freeway

access for much of the northern Peoria traffic that currently gets to and from the expressway via 83rd Avenue and Union Hills Drive. In addition, those not availing themselves of the connection will see a landscaped median on a repaved section of 83rd Avenue between Beardsley and Village Parkway.

City Celebrates Happy Valley Road Completion

Peoria will dedicate a new segment of Happy Valley Road at a celebration on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 2 p.m.

The new roadway, which extends from 83rd Avenue west to Lake Pleasant Parkway, will complete Happy Valley Road all the way from I-17 to

the Loop 303. It will open to traffic on Sunday, Nov. 22.

The celebration features a 12:15 p.m. dedication and ribbon cutting at the 91st Avenue end of the segment, followed by an opportunity to bike, walk or skate on the new roadway. There also will be a local business expo, free kids activities and entertainment.

Those attending can park at Lowe's on the northeast corner of Happy Valley Road and Lake Pleasant Parkway and ride an event shuttle to the dedication site.

People are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Peoria Firefighters Charities Annual Holiday Toy Drive or a non-perishable food item for Valley View Community Food Bank.

The new road segment is part of a \$36 million effort to complete Happy Valley Road across northern Peoria.



Trees donated by APS line the median of the new stretch of Happy Valley Road, which extends from 83rd Avenue west to Lake Pleasant Parkway. It will open to traffic on Sunday, Nov. 22 and connects from I-17 to the Loop 303.





Happy Valley Road, 83rd Avenue to Lake Pleasant Parkway

Phase one of this project, between 67th and 83rd avenues, opened in December 2008. Phase two will extend Happy Valley Road between 83rd Avenue and Lake Pleasant Parkway. Improvements will include a frontage road for residences on the north side of the road, storm drains, water and sewer lines, screen walls, sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping, and traffic signals at 91st and 95th avenues.

Status: In progress

Estimated Completion: November 2009



Beardsley Connection to Loop 101

Extending Beardsley Road from 81st Avenue across New River to a new one-way frontage road on the west side of Loop 101 from 75th Avenue to Union Hills Drive. A U-turn bridge over Loop 101 adjacent to the Union Hills Drive overpass will allow frontage road traffic to access the northbound/eastbound lanes of Loop 101, while southbound traffic may access the freeway from a new on-ramp. A portion of the funding for this will be provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

Status: Construction contracting in progress.

Estimated Start: Winter 2009-10



Thunderbird Road Widening

COMPLETE

The southern half of the roadway (the eastbound lanes) is being expanded from two to three lanes from Loop 101 to 94th Drive, while the northern half (the westbound lanes) is being expanded from two to three lanes from Loop 101 to 91st Avenue. Other planned improvements include a raised landscaped median, sidewalks and bike lanes from 91st Avenue to Rio Vista Boulevard. Additionally, the Arizona Department of Transportation will widen the roadway under Loop 101 to include three travel lanes and two turning lanes in each direction. That project is scheduled for completion in the winter of 2009-10.

Status: Complete



84th Avenue Streetscape

Aesthetic improvements to 84th Avenue from Peoria Avenue to Monroe Street to improve pedestrian function and neighborhood character. The work will include decorative sidewalks, landscaping, utility improvements, crosswalks, pedestrian amenities, and opportunities for public art display. Project funding includes approximately \$3.6 million in federal grants through the Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Program.

Status: Design complete

Estimated Construction Start: Spring 2010



83rd Avenue Widening: Williams Road to Calle Lejos

The road will be widened from a three-lane configuration to a five-lane configuration (two travel lanes in each direction plus a center turn lane). The intersection at 83rd Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road will be expanded to include dual left-turn lanes for both northbound and southbound traffic.

Estimated Construction Start: Spring 2010



Deer Valley Road Improvements: 83rd Avenue to 91st Avenue

The City of Peoria and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation are working together to complete drainage and street improvements along Deer Valley Road from 83rd Avenue to 91st Avenue. Improvements include storm drain construction, repaving and installing curbs and gutters. A separate project to add turn lanes at the intersection of 83rd Avenue and Deer Valley Road is being conducted simultaneously.

Status: In progress

Estimated Completion: Winter 2009 - 10



Intersection Improvements: 91st & Olive avenues and Olive Avenue/Loop 101 Traffic Interchange

The intersection of 91st and Olive avenues, and the Olive Avenue traffic interchange at Loop 101 will be widened and modified for additional through lanes and turn lanes. The intersection improvements will upgrade the signal and provide dual left turns in all directions. In cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Olive Avenue will be widened to three through lanes in each direction with dual left turns onto the Loop 101 both south- and north-bound.

Status: Utility relocation in progress

Estimated Construction Start: Spring 2010



87th Avenue Improvements: Olive Avenue to Hatcher Road

The road will be widened to include a single travel lane in each direction plus a center turn lane and bike lanes. Storm drainage also will be installed to ease flooding issues at the intersection at Hatcher Road.

Status: Complete

COMPLETE



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Right-of-way or underground pipe work

Street work

Trail

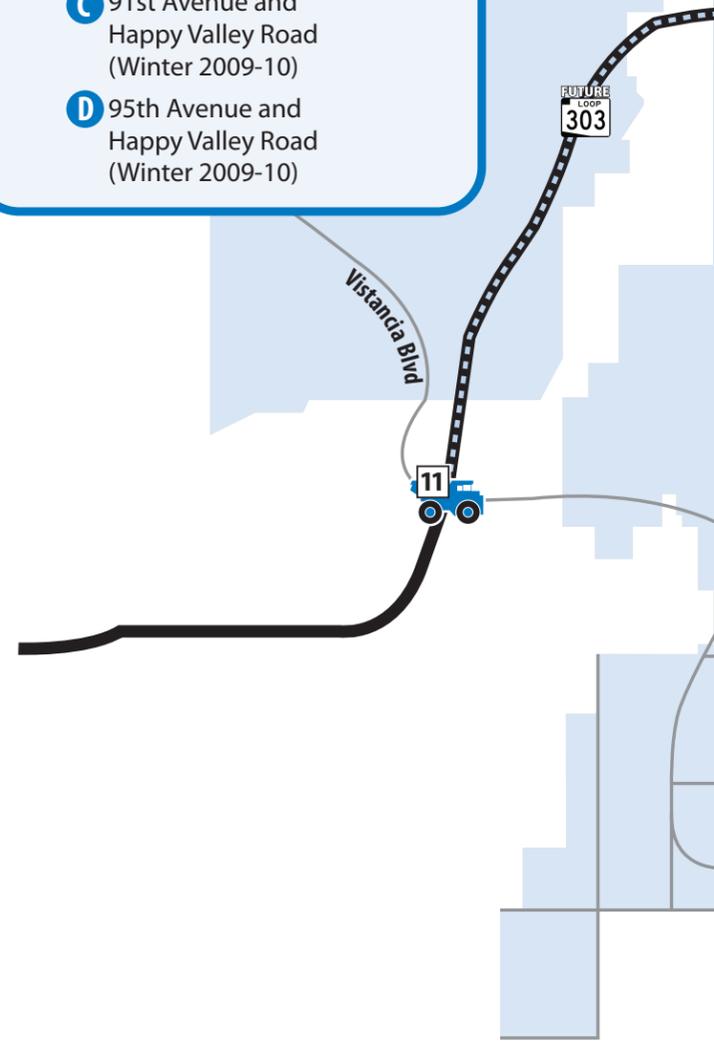
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Future Traffic Signals

Traffic signals will be installed at these intersections in the coming months.

- A Lake Pleasant Parkway and Pinnacle Vista Drive (Spring 2010)
- B Lake Pleasant Parkway and State Route 74 (Winter 2009-10)
- C 91st Avenue and Happy Valley Road (Winter 2009-10)
- D 95th Avenue and Happy Valley Road (Winter 2009-10)



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides funding for local infrastructure projects, with goals to: create and save jobs; spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth; and foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending. Learn more at www.recovery.gov and at www.peoriaaz.gov/recoveryact



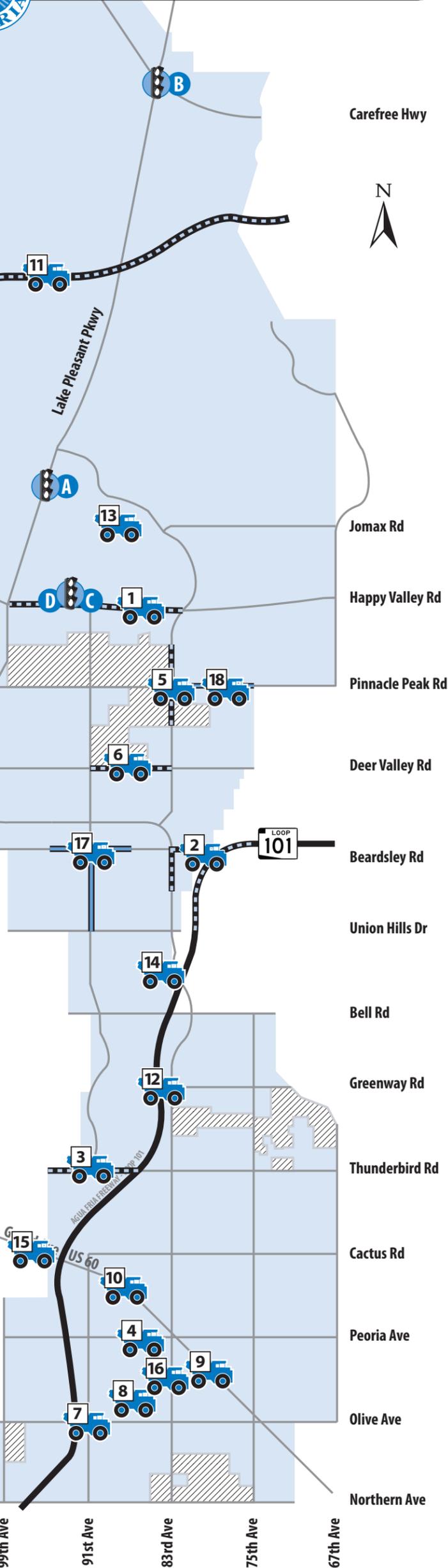
115th Ave

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Construction projects. For additional projects and more information visit www.peoriaaz.gov/BuildingPeoria

Legend:
 Project
 Traffic signal
 Unincorporated Maricopa County

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9 Intersection Improvements: Cotton Crossing & Grand Avenue
 The recently built six-lane Cotton Crossing arterial roadway will be extended south across the railroad tracks and a signalized intersection with Grand Avenue will be built. An additional developer project to extend Cotton Crossing southwesterly from Grand Avenue ultimately connecting to the existing 83rd Avenue & Mountain View Road intersection, is underway. Both projects are on similar design and construction schedules.
Status: In progress
Estimated Completion: Summer 2010

10 Grand Avenue Widening: 83rd Avenue to 99th Avenue
 An Arizona Department of Transportation project will widen Grand Avenue to create a continuous six-lane roadway. Other project elements include Loop 101 and New River Bridge improvements, and intersection improvements at 91st and Grand avenues to include dual left-turn lanes for eastbound Grand Avenue to northbound 91st Avenue.
Status: In progress
Estimated Completion: Fall 2010

11 Loop 303 Phase 1 (Arizona Dept. of Transportation)
 Phase 1 will build a four-lane divided roadway from Happy Valley Parkway to I-17. This section will include interchanges (overpasses and underpasses) at Happy Valley, Lone Mountain and Lake Pleasant parkways. Loop 303 will connect with I-17 via a new interchange at approximately the Lone Mountain Road alignment.
Status: In progress
Estimated Completion: 2012

12 Skunk Creek Trail **COMPLETE**
 Design and construction of a trail underpass beneath both Loop 101 and 83rd Avenue to connect Rio Vista Park and the city trail network along New River with the Skunk Creek trail, Peoria Sports Complex and neighborhoods east of 83rd Avenue.
Status: Complete

13 West Wing Neighborhood Park **COMPLETE**
 Construction of a 20-acre neighborhood park that will include walking paths, picnic shelters, playgrounds and grass play areas. The park will also serve as the parking lot and trail head for both the Sunrise and West Wing mountain trails nearby.
Status: Complete

14 New River Trail - Bell Road to Union Hills Drive
 Design and construction of a ¾-mile trail segment to close a significant gap and create continuous trail along New River between Williams Road to the north and Olive Avenue to the south. When combined with the Grand Avenue underpass below, this link will complete a continuous nine-mile trail segment along New River in Peoria.
Status: Design underway
Estimated Construction Start: Summer 2010

15 New River Trail Grand Avenue Underpass
 Design and construction of a trail underpass beneath Grand Avenue and the Santé Fe Railroad to connect existing trail segments north and south of this street crossing. The project will extend the New River Trail to the south by an additional two miles to Olive Avenue.
Status: Final design in progress
Estimated Construction Start: Spring 2010

16 Municipal Court Expansion
 Expansion of the Municipal Court building on the city's municipal campus will include 20,000 square feet of additional courtroom and administrative space, as well as improved parking and public access.
Status: In progress
Estimated Completion: Spring 2011

17 Westbrook Village Storm Drains & Water lines
 Installation of storm drains and water lines in 91st Avenue from Union Hills Drive to Beardsley Road and in Beardsley Road from 87th Avenue to 95th Avenue. This project will address flooding in the Westbrook Village development and extend a north-south water transmission system. Funding for the waterline portion of this project was made possible through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.
Status: In progress
Estimated Completion: Spring 2010

18 Pinnacle Peak Water Line
 Installation of a 16-inch water line along Pinnacle Peak Road from 82nd Avenue east to New River. Funding for this work was made possible through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.
Status: Construction contract awarded
Estimated Construction Start: Winter 2009-10



City of Peoria Construction Lingo

Use this list to help understand some of the terms found in city construction documents.

Bonds

A method for financing construction projects. When “selling” bonds, the city actually is borrowing money to finance construction projects – an action that can happen only with approval from the city’s voters. The bonds are paid off (the loans are repaid) through a dedicated funding source such as the secondary property tax rate, water rate or wastewater rate.

Box Culvert

Structures built beneath roadways as conduits for buried storm water or sanitary sewers.

Capital Improvement Program

The city’s 10-year plan for construction and financing of facilities and infrastructure.

Catch Basin

A curbside opening that collects rainwater from streets and serves as an entry point to the storm drain system.

City Transportation Sales Tax

A three-tenths-cent (\$.003) sales tax collected in Peoria and used exclusively to fund transportation projects and programs. Approved by the city’s voters in September 2005.

County Half-Cent Transportation Sales Tax

A half-cent (\$.005) county wide sales tax used to fund regional transportation projects such as freeways, bus routes and major arterial streets. In Peoria, this fund helps pay for projects such as the Beardsley Connection to Loop 101.

Design-Build

A construction method through which a single contractor is responsible for both design and construction of a project. Considered an alternative to the traditional design-bid-build process, design-build reduces project schedules and improves efficiency because all participants in the process (such as architects, engineers and contractors) are in regular contact.

Design Concept Report (DCR)

Through the Design Concept Report process, project parameters are defined, and different construction alternatives are compared and contrasted. Once a Design Concept Report is finished, the project moves into the Final Design phase.

Development Impact Fees

Fees paid by developers to reflect the incremental cost of expanding city infrastructure to support new development.

Final Design

The final design of a project from which construction documents will be created.

General Obligation Bonds

A method of financing city construction projects (see “Bonds”), general obligation bonds are used to finance construction of general city infrastructure and facilities, and are repaid through the city’s secondary property tax rate.

Half Street

New streets are often constructed one-half at a time. For example, a developer building a large shopping center may be required to build the roadway adjacent to the development – the half street. This half street will be configured to allow traffic to move in both directions until the second half of the street is completed.

Lateral

A drainage pipe that transfers flow into a main drainage line.

Notice to Proceed (NTP)

Authorization for a contractor to begin construction.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Maricopa County’s Regional Transportation Plan provides a broad vision for the regional transportation system for the next two decades, addressing freeways and other highways, streets, transit, airports, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, freight, demand management and system management, including intelligent transportation systems and safety. Learn more at www.mag.maricopa.gov/project.cms?item=411.

Retention Basin

An area built to collect and retain storm-water runoff.

Revenue Bonds

A method of financing city construction projects (see “Bonds”), revenue bonds are used to finance construction of water or wastewater infrastructure and are repaid through water or wastewater rates.

Right of Way

Publicly-owned land within which roads or underground infrastructure (such as water or wastewater lines) are built.

Traffic Signal Warrants

Traffic signal warrants are a set of criteria used to determine whether a traffic signal can be installed safely at a particular intersection.

Utility Relocation

When building a road or other city project, underground or overhead utility infrastructure such as fiber-optic cable and electric power lines often must be relocated. This is a potentially time-consuming element of city construction projects.

Value Engineering

A process through which the conceptual design of a project is carefully compared with the ultimate project goals in order to ensure the project will deliver maximum value for minimum cost.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I report streets in need of repair?

Request service online at www.peoriaaz.gov/streetrepair, or call the Public Works Streets Division at 623-773-7432 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

How do I request paving or re-paving on my street?

The Public Works Streets Division (623-773-7432) will take requests for paving or re-paving and refer them to the pavement maintenance supervisor. (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

How do I request a sidewalk or sidewalk repair on my street?

Request service online at www.peoriaaz.gov/streetrepair, or call the Public Works Streets Division at 623-773-7432 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

How do I find out what streets or lanes are closed because of road construction?

Sign up to have updates e-mailed to you by visiting www.peoriaaz.gov/e-news, then check mark the “Road Closures” box and follow the instructions. Or, visit the city’s street restrictions page (www.peoriaaz.gov/engineering), then click “Traffic Engineering,” then “Road Closures”).

How do I report loud noise caused by construction work?

Call Code Compliance at 623-773-7162 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). After hours or weekends, call the Police Department non-emergency line at 623-773-8311.

How do I report excess dust from a construction project?

Signs are posted at each construction site with contact information to report complaints or concerns. If no such sign is posted, call Code Compliance at 623-773-7162.

I’m concerned about speeding and cut-through traffic in my neighborhood. What can I do?

The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) is designed to reduce speeding and cut-through traffic by partnering neighborhood leaders with the city’s traffic management staff. For more information on the program, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/NTMP or call 623-773-7394.



This publication is part of a comprehensive effort to help city residents stay informed about construction projects around town. Visit www.peoriaaz.gov/BuildingPeoria for more information.

Peoria Fights Foreclosure Battle on Several Fronts

Determined to stick a fork in the inflated number of Peoria homes in foreclosure, the city's Neighborhood and Revitalization Section is taking a four-pronged approach to stabilizing hard-hit areas.

Those approaches fall into two categories – those intended to help prevent foreclosures and those designed to get bank-owned properties back into the hands of residents.

Utility Assistance

The first of the prevention measures targets the smaller-but-vital monthly bills that can feel suffocating to someone trying to pay down a large mortgage debt. Under its Utility Assistance Program, Peoria will toss a financial life preserver to qualifying residents by providing one-time assistance of up to \$300 to pay for water, gas or electric service.

Emergency Rehab

Costly home repairs can be a tipping point for homeowners on the brink of foreclosure. They can't sell the property without doing the work, but should they pour more money into a property they might lose?

In extreme cases, Peoria's Emergency Rehab Program will provide



One of the many programs administered by the Neighborhood Services Division is Neighborhood Pride, in which groups of volunteers assist with community clean-up efforts.

up to \$20,000 for repairs essential to life, health or safety. The city places a five- to 10-year lien on the property; if the homeowner sold within the lien period, the money would be returned to the city to assist other qualified homeowners.

Homebuyer Assistance

The city's Homebuyer Assistance Program offers \$10,000 grants to qualifying low- and middle-income first-time homebuyers who purchase in Peoria. In an effort to reduce the number of homes in foreclosure, the city will tack on an extra \$5,000 for those who buy foreclosed properties.

This is a very popular program, and 80 percent of last year's participants used the opportunity to purchase a foreclosed property, according to Carin Imig, the city's Neighborhood and Revitalization administrator.

Stimulus Grants

Peoria has applied for \$10 million in stimulus money from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to:

- Purchase, rehab and sell foreclosed homes.
- Purchase, rehab and lease (and eventually resell) foreclosed homes;

- Assist low- and moderate-income homebuyers (separate from the Homebuyer Assistance Program).

"Our rehab will be bringing them up to new energy-efficiency standards," says Planning and Community Development Director Glen Van Nimwegen, who adds that the program administrators would make every effort to use materials and labor from Peoria.

Looking Forward

That last point links neighborhood stabilization to another city initiative: attracting and supporting green businesses. Officials in Peoria's Economic Development Services Department are working to connect those companies with the officials responsible for the home repairs.

Finally, Peoria's Code Compliance Division, which moved to the Police Department under a recent reorganization of city government, is hard at work making sure the remaining foreclosed homes do not become a detriment to the city.

For more information on these assistance programs, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/neighborhood.

Rec Center Fund Helps Low-Income Peorians Stay Fit

A fund established this year at Peoria's Rio Vista Recreation Center is helping 41 low-income residents access the health and fitness opportunities available at the facility.

After accepting applications in August, officials of the Rio Vista Scholarship Fund approved seven families, two individual adults and one couple for three-month passes, which will be renewed three times as long as each individual meets the income and participation requirements. The fund also pays for each adult recipient to receive an individualized workout plan from a personal trainer in a two-hour session.

The fund covers 80 percent of admission to Rio Vista. A participating family pays \$22.50 out of pocket every three months; an individual adult \$11.25; and a couple \$18.

Jennifer Eccles, a customer service representative at Rio Vista, has met most of the recipients. "All have been so thankful and appreciative," she says. "A couple stories have been really touching."

Eccles relates the tale of one woman, primary caregiver for her terminally ill mother, who was told by her own doctor that she is headed for a heart attack if she doesn't bring her cholesterol down.

"When we finished signing her up, she asked to give me a hug and I accepted. It was the most sincere thank you I have ever received," Eccles says.

The fund raised about \$5,500 for 2009. Weight Watchers of Arizona Inc. and the Wal-Mart store on Lake Pleasant Parkway were major contributors;



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additional support came from All Nations Church and individual Rio Vista pass holders. Money also was raised through various events.

The focus now is on 2010. Businesses and citizens can make a donation at any time to Play Peoria Inc., a non-profit organization established to provide tax-deductible giving opportunities in support of Peoria

Community Services programs. Just make sure to designate it for the Rio Vista Scholarship Fund.

For more information, drop by the center, call 623-773-8600 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/riovista

CALENDAR

See more listings at www.peoriaaz.gov/events

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

TV Nov. 17 City Council Study Session, City Hall Pine Room, 4 p.m.

TV Nov. 17 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

TV Nov. 19 Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 Happy Valley Road Grand Opening, Lake Pleasant Parkway & Happy Valley Road, Noon - 2 p.m.

TV Dec. 1 City Council Study Session, City Hall Pine Room, 4 p.m.

TV Dec. 1 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

TV Dec. 3 Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 4 Oldtown Holiday Festival, 83rd Avenue and Monroe Street. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TV Dec. 15 City Council Study Session, City Hall Pine Room, 4 p.m.

TV Dec. 15 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

TV Dec. 17 Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 to Jan. 3, 2010 City Offices Closed.

TV Jan. 5 City Council Study Session, City Hall Pine Room, 4 p.m.

TV Jan. 5 City Council Meeting, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

TV Jan. 7 Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

TV Jan. 21 Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

The Council Chamber and City Hall are located on the Peoria Municipal Campus at 8401 W. Monroe St.

TV Broadcast live (or on tape) on Peoria Channel 11 (on Cox & Qwest cable) and streamed live & on demand at www.peoriaaz.gov/channel11.

PEORIA'S OLDTOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Friday, Dec. 4, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

83rd Avenue & Washington Street
in Oldtown Peoria

Join friends and neighbors to meet Santa, play in the snow and enjoy the holiday tree lighting, high school choral contest, haywagon rides, cookie decorating, craft vendors and other fun activities for kids and families.



Admission is free.

Information: 623-773-7198
www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents

City of Peoria Solid Waste Holiday Collection Schedule

Call 623-773-7431 for more information

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		VETERANS' DAY				
No changes to the collection schedule for Veterans' Day						
Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			THANKSGIVING DAY	Thursday pickups move to Friday	Friday pickups move to Saturday	
Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			No change to Thursday pickups	CHRISTMAS DAY	Friday pickups move to Saturday	
Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			No change to Thursday pickups	NEW YEAR'S DAY	Friday pickups move to Saturday	
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3

City Offices Closed for Holidays

Peoria's city offices will be closed for the holidays between Dec. 25 and Jan. 3, 2010. Operational functions, including police and fire, libraries, parks, recreation center, customer service, and water services will maintain their normal business hours.

Information is always available online at www.peoriaaz.gov.

All city departments will be back to normal schedule and open at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.

City of Peoria Telephone Numbers

ALL NUMBERS ARE IN THE 623 AREA CODE

AM/PM Program	773-7137	Library (Sunrise Mountain Branch)	773-8650
Building Inspections	773-7225	Mayor and Council Offices	773-7306
City Attorney's Office	773-7330	Parks and Recreation	773-7137
City Clerk's Office	773-7340	Peoria Job Hot line	773-7105
City Manager's Office	773-7300	Peoria Municipal Court	773-7400
Code Compliance	773-7162	Planning and Zoning	773-7200
Community Center	773-7436	Police (non-emergency)	773-8311
Community Development	773-7200	Solid Waste Billing	773-7160
Dial-a-Ride	773-7435	Solid Waste Collection	773-7431
Fire Department (non-emergency)	773-7279	Street Maintenance	773-7432
Graffiti Hot line	773-7094	Water Billing / Service	773-7160
Library (Main)	773-7555	Water Leaks	773-7433

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