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Lake Pleasant Parkway Project

A construction project that began last month will widen Lake Pleasant Parkway – from Westwing Parkway to Loop 303 – to a four lane roadway plus bike lanes and a traffic signal. The city also will install new sewer and water mains to ensure the infrastructure is in place for future developments. During the first few months, contractors will blast north of the Westwing area to allow for a faster and easier installation of the sewer line. The blasting will not be noticed by residents however, vehicles traveling on Lake Pleasant Parkway will occasionally be stopped during the five- to 10-minute detonation period. The project is scheduled for completion in April 2014. For more information, call Karl Zook at **623-773-7260**.

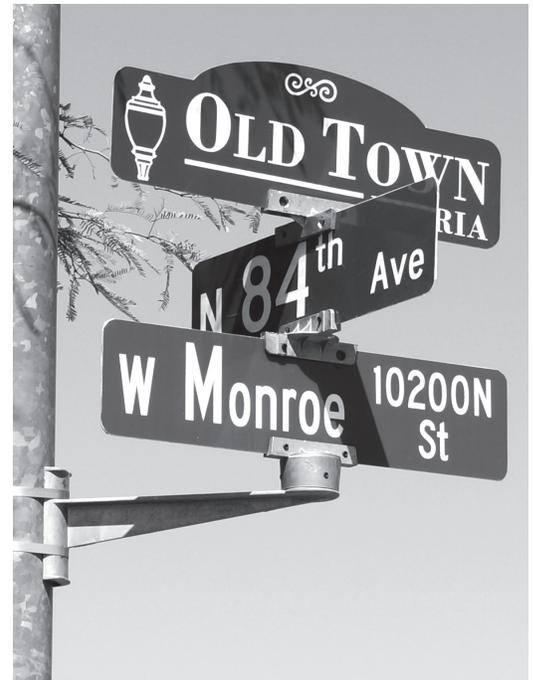
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New Signs in Old Town

The original one square mile of Peoria is full of history, with homes built in the early 1900s, a church that is the oldest running in the state, and storefronts that take you back in time. In 2009, city officials adopted the Old Town Peoria Revitalization Plan to help breathe life into the downtown area yet recognize its historical relevance. The target area is bounded by 85th Avenue to the west, Peoria Avenue to the north, Grand Avenue to the east, and Monroe Street to the south. One of the goals in the plan was to replace existing street signs with themed signage, creating a recognizable sense of place and to celebrate the historic character of Old Town Peoria.



A group of citizens helped design the new signs, which have white lettering on a brown background and a 'sign topper' identifying Old Town Peoria. Last month, the city replaced 21 "ordinary" street name signs with these historically-themed signs. The entire project stayed local making it extremely cost-effective: A Peoria business designed and made the signs; some of the material used was already available through the city's maintenance shop; and city employees did the installation.

Other goals in the plan include upgrades the appearance of the buildings and renovation of the community center. When visiting downtown, take a look around to notice these little changes that make a big difference. For more information about the plan, visit www.peoriaaz.gov/planning or call Rob Gubser at **623-773-7405**.

City Changing Water Meters in All Homes

The city of Peoria is replacing 37,000 water meters to improve the water delivery system and meter reading. The six-year project to replace aging meters throughout the city will have a minimal inconvenience to residents and takes about 15 minutes. Occupants do not need to be at home but a USI Services employee will knock on the door to let residents know they will be installing the new meter.

In April, meters will be replaced in south Peoria between the following roads: Northern and Olive avenues, 114th and 71st avenues.

For more information, call city of Peoria Customer Service at **623-773-7160** and you can also visit the FAQ page at www.peoriaaz.gov/watermeter.



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Tree City USA x 5

For the fifth consecutive year, Peoria has been named Tree City USA by The Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride.



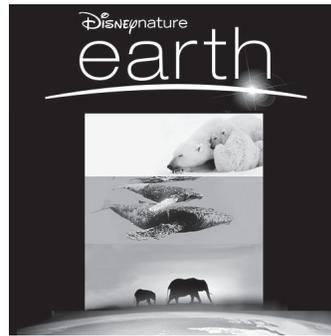
Summer Watering Guidelines MAY-OCT

How Much & How Often <small>Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated.</small>		Days Between Waterings	Watering Depth <small>(Typical Root Depth)</small>
Trees	Desert Adapted	7-21 days	24-36 in
	High Water Use	7-10 days	24-36 in
Shrubs	Desert Adapted	7-21 days	18-24 in
	High Water Use	5-7 days	18-24 in
Ground-cover & Vines	Desert Adapted	7-21 days	8-12 in
	High Water Use	2-5 days	8-12 in
Cacti & Succulents		14-30 days	8-12 in
Annuals		2-5 days	8-12 in
Warm Season Grass		3-6 days	6-10 in
Cool Season Grass		none	6-10 in

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Drip run times are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

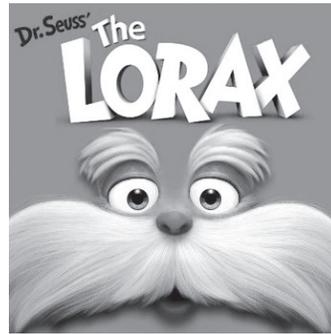
Peoria Green Screen Film Festival

Join Peoria in celebrating Earth Day! Grab the family and a blanket, and come watch one – or all three – movies for FREE. For more information, call Lisa Estrada at 623-773-7684.



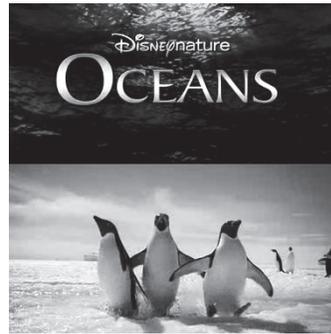
'Earth' – Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Centennial Plaza, 8401 W. Mountain View Road. What's a movie without a snack? FREE popcorn for all of the movie-lovers.

Produced by Disneynature, this 2007 nature documentary film depicts the diversity of wild habitats and creatures across the planet. The film begins in the Arctic in January of one year and moves south, finishing in Antarctica in the December of the same year. Rated G.



'The Lorax' – Wednesday, May 29 at noon and Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. in Main Library, 8401 W. Monroe Street; 11 a.m. on Thursdays May 30 and June 27 in Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue.

Based on a children's book written by Dr. Seuss, the 2012 animated movie chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax, who speaks for the trees against the greedy Once-ler. Rated PG.



'Oceans' – Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Sunrise Mountain Pool, 21321 N. 86th Drive. FREE Sno-cones and a give-away for children that bring their mommies on this eve of Mother's Day (while supplies last).

Produced by Disneynature, this 2010 nature documentary film explores Earth's five oceans and ocean animals, the need to respect nature, and demonstrates the negative aspects of human activity on animals. Rated G.

KIDS GET SUMMER FUN! [PARENTS GET A BREAK!]



Summer Rec Drop In

Time: 8:00 am to 2:30 pm
Grades: 1 – 5
Fees: \$60 resident/\$100 non-resident. Cost includes entire 8 weeks. Field trips are an additional cost

Summer Camp

Time: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
Ages: 5 – 14 years old
Fees: \$24 a day, field trips included.

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Tiny Tots

Time: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Ages: 4-5
Fees: \$60 resident/\$100 non-resident. Cost includes entire 8 weeks. Field trips are an additional cost.

Step Out

Time: 8:00 am to 2:30 pm
Grades: 6-9
Fees: \$60 resident/\$100 non-resident. Cost includes entire 8 weeks. Field trips are an additional cost

Field Trips Include:

Wazees World, Circus, Movie Theater, Peter Piper Pizza, Great Skate, Arizona Broadway Theater, Skyzone, Swimming, Library, Bowling, and MORE!



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or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/ampm