



Peoria on National List of 'Best Places to Live'

Money Magazine Ranks City 55th Among Top 100

PEORIA, Ariz. (July 15, 2008) – *Money* magazine has named Peoria among its 100 "Best Places to Live."

The city ranks 55th on the *Money* list, featured in the magazine's August issue and online at money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2008/snapshots/PL0454050.html.

Among the factors cited by *Money* were Spring Training, the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts and the amount of open space the city has set aside for preservation and recreation.

"While it's great that the *Money* editors recognized Peoria, what is really neat is that they found examples from all parts our city," said Mayor Bob Barrett.

The magazine also noted comparatively low property taxes, a rate of job growth double the average of the Top 10 cities, and the high percentage of days with clear weather.

No Arizona city made last year's *Money* list, but the state boasts four in 2008. Peoria is the only West Valley community. It is joined by three East Valley cities: Gilbert (No. 28), Chandler (No. 30) and Scottsdale (No. 47).

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