



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Summer vacation is almost over, a new school year will begin soon and the “monsoon” seems to have turned into a non-soon. If you received any significant rainfall in your area, we’d love to hear about it.

The Pima County Health Department is providing back to school immunizations for Pima County School aged children this August. Our community partner, El Rio, will also be providing this service.

For information about Pima County immunization clinic sites visit www.pimahealth.org. and for information about El Rio locations visit <http://www.pimahealth.org/immunizations/2010-El-Rio-Immunization-Flyer.pdf>. Please bring immunization records for each child. The fee for children’s services is based on the ability to pay.

Also in the news, the Pima County Health Department was recently awarded a grant of \$15.75 million to promote the adoption of healthy eating and active lifestyles as a way to combat obesity in Pima County. This grant is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative to support public health efforts that reduce obesity, increase physical activity and improve nutrition to combat chronic diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure.

This grant will also produce approximately 125 new jobs in Pima County which includes private sector positions. More information may be obtained by calling Don Gates at 243-7885 or email any questions to cppwinfo@pima.gov



Tucson Estates Property Owners Association..... Celebrates Memorial Day

Supervisor Bronson joined Tucson Estates residents in celebrating their annual Memorial Day Parade. Veterans, local churches, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, Drexel Heights Fire District, Pima County Sheriff’s office, the Sabbar; Legion of Honor, several other groups and plenty of community members participated in the event.



Kids Growing Roots.... in the Coronado Heights Neighborhood



Memorial Day morning was already hot and sunny, but 23 kids and a few adults came together to start the Growing Roots Kids Club. The project for the day was to start a small tree nursery. The kids ranging in age from 5 to 14 each planted six different seeds into five gallon containers. The seeds were from the native trees of Honey Mesquite, Blue Palo Verde, Screwbean Mesquite, Ironwood, Sweet Acacia and Desert Willow. Altogether they planted 138 seeds to get the nursery started.



When large enough the trees will be used for various projects within the neighborhood, including a Cornerstones Project and also for the recently awarded Kresge Grant through the Ironwood Tree Experience.

Although seeds, soil, and growing roots were literally the start of Growing Roots, the purpose of the club is not just plants, but to encourage the children to be involved in a variety of projects, with adults as mentors, that involve people, plants, art, food, music and the history of their neighborhood....so they can learn to develop a sense of place and respect for their community and the residents of Coronado Heights. You are off to a great start kids!!
(Article and picture provided by Berni Jilka)

Spotlight on...

Mountain 1st Neighborhood Assn.....Spring Fling

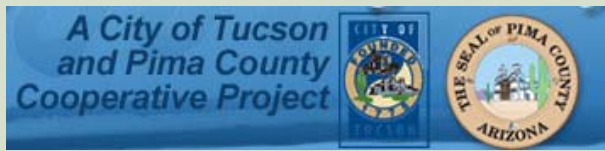


The Mountain 1st Neighborhood recently celebrated making their community a little “Greener ” with a “Spring Fling” at Mitchell Park. They planted over 60 new trees!!

Not only did residents come out to enjoy the day, but the following local businesses also contributed to make the day a great success; BK, Black Jack Pizza, Boxing Inc., Cathy’s Sew & Vac, Dirty Dawgs, Mighty Wheels, Monica Araiza, Native Seed Search, Rainbow Guitars, Sarnoff Art Supplies & Framing and PRO Neighborhood.

Free food was provided by BK, music was provided by Chet Gardiner’s Band, multiple raffles with prizes were drawn, art projects were displayed and a beautiful piñata was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you to all who helped make this a lasting and successful project. You can bet everyone is looking forward to the future shade the new trees will provide....Congratulations Mountain 1st!



The Board of Supervisors’ and Tucson Mayor and Council’s recent adoption of the joint City/County Water Study Report marks a new era of cooperative planning for a sustainable water future.

Phase II of the City/County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Supply and Planning Study (WISP) was completed in December

2009 after 20 months of cooperative study and public deliberation. The WISP Report, which is available on the Study website at www.tucsonpimawaterstudy.com, includes 19 goals and 56 recommendations on how the City and County can cooperatively work towards a sustainable water future.

As directed, Pima County and City of Tucson staff are continuing to work together to develop a joint Action Plan to implement the recommendations. The Action Plan will span a five year planning horizon and is scheduled for public review and comment in August 2010. The final Action Plan will be presented to the BOS and M&C in late October or early November 2010.



Other efforts to plan for a sustainable water future are underway regionally and state-wide. PAG, in cooperation with the UA and the Southern Arizona Water Users Association, is leading a separate, parallel effort to identify a process for regional water sustainability planning that builds upon the City/County efforts. In January, the Governor created a Blue Ribbon Panel to plan for a sustainable water future. This represents a unique and timely opportunity to facilitate WISP Phase 2 recommendations and staff is actively participating on the State’s Blue Ribbon Panel to advance our shared objectives.

NEW

The KIDS Corner.....Seek and Find

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There are 15 hidden words....all in some way relating to Arizona and they are hidden in every direction. Can you find them all...

- Bobcat
- Cactus Wren
- Coyote
- Gecko
- Gila Monster
- Ironwood Tree
- Javelina
- Lizard
- Mesquite
- Monsoon
- Palo Verde
- Rattlesnake
- Saguaro
- Sonoran Desert
- Spotted Owl



Pima Animal Care Center

Meet Lena, our Pet of the Month. She is a young adult Labrador Retriever mix who loves attention and who would be great at playing fetch. She is searching for an active family who has the time to walk and play with her a little bit everyday.



Stop by PACC and pay her a visit...her kennel # is 269184 and there are special adoption rates in place right now.



Dog Days of Summer

On July 16th, August 20th and September 17th PACC will be teaming up with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and Royal Buick GMC Cadillac on Auto Mall for the Dog Days of Summer event.

PACC will be at the event from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. with adoptable dogs. The Royal employees have offered to pay all adoption fess for dogs adopted at the event.

So take advantage of the special rates in effect right now or plan on visiting the Auto Mall for the Dog Days of Summer event.

You can always contact PACC at 520-243-5900, checkout their website at: www.pimaanimalcare.org or stop by for a visit at 4000 N. Silverbell Road.



Throwdown at the Mosaic Café



The Mosaic Café owners Teresa and Alfonso Matias are having a Throwdown with Bobby Flay. You can watch their son David prepare their signature dish Huevos Rancheros for yourself and you will know that they can't be beat! Join him on August 11th at 9:00 p.m.

You can view the show on the Food Network Channel on:
August 11 @ 9:00 P.M. ET/PT
August 12 @ 12:00 A.M. ET/PT
August 21 @ 7:00 P.M. ET/PT

If you have any questions just call the Mosaic Café at 624-4512 or stop by at 2455 N. Silverbell



Pima County Home Repair and Weatherization Program..... Success Stories

The Pima County Home Repair and Weatherization Programs provide home repair assistance to low-income homeowners throughout unincorporated Pima County, Marana, Sahuarita, and Oro Valley. During the last year, Federal Economic Stimulus funds have enabled Pima County to double the number of homes it weatherizes on a monthly basis. Weatherization is the process of making homes more energy efficient, safe and comfortable. This becomes increasingly important during the triple-digit temperatures of the southern Arizona summer. The following two District 3 families received weatherization assistance, and are now enjoying increased comfort and lower utility bills as a result of the repairs to their homes.

Properly sealing duct systems is central to weatherization, and Marana resident Marcia Gutierrez's leaky duct system was making it virtually impossible to keep her home comfortable. Pima County contractors went one step further than duct sealing for Ms. Gutierrez, completely rebuilding her duct system, and installing a new water heater, evaporative cooler, and furnace. Now, Marcia's house is equipped to deal with the worst of the Pima County summer and is extremely pleased with the improvements to her home. "I love the work that was done in my mobile home," Marcia beams. "You have very hard working contractors."

Joyce Kotzamanis of Picture Rocks calls the Home Repair Program "a God send." Due to some recent health issues, extreme temperatures in different parts of her house became a major dilemma. After extensive repairs, including major duct sealing, and replacing the heating and cooling systems, the entire home is comfortable. After her positive experience with the Weatherization Program, Joyce now hopes that more people learn about the program, because "there's so many people out here who need help."

To find out more about the Weatherization Program, visit <http://www.pima.gov/CED/CDNC/CRD/HomeRepair.html>, or contact Paula Jansmann at 520-243-6696 or email her at Paula.Jansmann@pima.gov.

