



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

I hope you all had a safe and fun Fourth of July holiday this year!

I don't know about you, but when sitting outside watching this year's fireworks with my neighbors reminded me of just how important my community is to me. I bet you've had the same experience, whether it's a neighborhood softball game, a potluck dinner or just a wave hello. Pima County wouldn't be such a wonderful place to live if we didn't have such great communities and such great neighbors.

### Flowing Wells



I hope you'll enjoy reading about some of the projects communities such as Flowing Wells and Hedrick Acres are working on this summer to keep our Pima County community going strong!

### Flowing Wells wins All-America City Award!

The Flowing Wells Neighborhood has been named Pima County's first All-America City!

Each year, only ten communities from around the country receive this award from the National Civic League, based on demonstrating outstanding commitment to identifying and addressing community issues in an innovative, inclusive fashion.

Flowing Wells is unique because—unlike the other 21 finalists from this year—they are a neighborhood association of community volunteers, not a city with

paid staff. What's more, Flowing Wells is only the fourth neighborhood association in the National Civic League's history to receive the award.

The three projects Flowing Wells chose to highlight in the 15-page application were the Flowing Wells Health Clinic, helping an under-served population receive health and dental services; two community parks,

Curtis Park and Flowing Wells District Park; and the Ellie Towne – Flowing Wells Community Center, not yet completed, which will provide residents with a state-of-the-art meeting facility and social service hub.

To celebrate the big win, Flowing Wells neighbors spent a Saturday morning at Flowing Wells Junior High for a neighborhood party. Everyone enjoyed breakfast burritos and even an ice cream cake, while learning about the projects that made the All-America City Award possible— and make Flowing Wells so great. Supervisors Bronson and Elias presented the All-America City delegation with a plaque recognizing the hard work they had done to bring home this award. Most importantly, the celebration gave neighbors a chance to appreciate the all hard work their community has done to make Flowing Wells a livable, sustainable, All-America City.



The delegation that traveled to Anaheim (L to R): Nic Clement; Peg Harmon; Ellie Towne; Terri Hutts; Lauren Harmon; Joy Mehulka



Pima County Supervisors Sharon Bronson and Richard Elias present FWNACC President Ellie Towne with a plaque of recognition

### Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry Speaks Out on Election Integrity:

*“Elections are important matters. They must be carried out fairly and accurately. ...Pima County has worked closely with political parties in identifying areas for improvement, and we have taken many steps to enhance security. We will continue to work in close collaboration... with the goal of maintaining impeccable standards of election integrity and transparency.”*

To read more, check out the full memorandum— attached with this newsletter

## Spotlight On...

### Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association (HANA)



The Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association (HANA) is our July neighborhood of the month—they're working on two great projects that we couldn't wait to share!

#### **Navajo Wash Project:**

A few years ago, Hedrick Acres applied for grant money to improve the Navajo Wash in their area. This request was denied; their neighbors to the north in Mountain View, however, were able to obtain some grant funds for another portion of the wash. When Mountain View approached the Drachman Institute for assistance, the Institute suggested that they expand the project to include the entire wash, including Hedrick Acre's portion. Now these two neighborhoods are working together to get the job done.

Finalized improvement plans from the Drachman Institute include trees along the edge of the wash, walkways, and a meeting area. HANA has helped create an outdoor oasis to will let everyone enjoy our beautiful desert!

#### **Lend-a-Hand Project:**

Lend-a-Hand was started by HANA leader Linda Drew and other concerned citizens from seven different neighborhoods. The program was created to offer assistance to seniors, allowing them to remain in their homes longer. Volunteers provide basic services such as prescription pick-ups, rides to the doctor, etc. Lend-a-Hand coordinates their efforts with the Pima Council on Aging, and is always looking for new neighborhoods to participate. All it takes to join is one community volunteer and one member to sit on the board for each neighborhood.

*Interested in revitalizing your neighborhood with projects like these? Supervisor Bronson's office wants to help! Call us at (520) 740-8051 for idea and info.*



*Neighbors plant trees to beautify their community*

## Amado Community Food Bank Open House *Meeting the needs of a growing community*



*Supervisor Bronson welcomes neighbors to the new Food Bank*

On June 2nd, an open house was held to give the Amado community a sneak peek at their new Community Food Bank facility.

When complete, the 4,000 square foot building will provide the community with a fully-equipped commercial kitchen to house programs such as Summer Meals and Meals for Seniors. The Food Bank will also have office space for the Women, Infants & Children program (WIC), as well as a mobile clinic.

Best of all, the Food Bank will be available as a community meeting space for the residents of Amado, who will surely enjoy having this beautiful facility as a part of their community.

### ◆ Trico Electric Charitable Trust ◆

#### *Operation Round-Up funds charitable projects around the community*

The Trico Electric Cooperative's Charitable Trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial support to Trico members and their communities, placing an emphasis on youth and families. The Trust is funded through Trico's Operation Round-Up program, where Trico customers can elect to round their bills up to the next dollar amount and send those extra cents into the fund.

Since it began in 1997, the Trust has raised more than \$350,000. This money has been used for everything from buying toys for special needs children to providing assistance to seniors. The Trust has also provided funding to many schools and charitable organizations throughout the community.

Groups wishing to receive funding from the Trust must go through a formal application process. The Trust's board of directors, made up of members from each of Trico's seven districts, review these applications six times per year.

If your group is interested in applying for these funds, start the process today by calling (520) 744-2944.

## "Have you heard?"

### *Pima County Health Department—Mobile Health Services*



The Pima County Health Department's Mobile Health Services program is designed to provide Public Health programs to residents of Pima County. The program consists of two vehicles which travel around Pima County to assist residents who might otherwise be unable to receive such health services.

The Public Health services offered include:

- ◆ Vaccinations
- ◆ Well child examinations
- ◆ Women's health and family planning services
- ◆ School / sports physicals
- ◆ Health screenings and referrals
- ◆ HIV / AIDS testing and counseling
- ◆ Health education
- ◆ Disease outbreak response
- ◆ Disaster response



One of the mobile health clinic vehicles

The mobile clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners, public health nurses and health educators. Services are provided at no cost or on a sliding fee scale, depending on the program. Some programs require patients to meet certain needs criteria in order to be eligible for the service or the sliding fee scale. Services are currently available in Catalina, Picture Rocks, Sahuarita, Littletown, Vail, and in several Tucson locations.

The services offered at each location vary based on the needs and interests of the community.

To find out when the units will be in your area, visit [www.PimaHealth.org](http://www.PimaHealth.org) and click "Mobile Health Services" in the left hand menu bar, or call the number above.

## Tohono O'Odham Cultural Center and Museum



The dedication opens with a traditional song

On June 15, the Tohono O'Odham Nation dedicated the *Himdag Ki*, the Nation's Cultural Center and Museum. Nearly \$15 million in gaming funds were used to build the state-of-the-art facility which now houses artifacts from pottery and baskets to veterans' military artifacts to modern-day paintings and photos. Located on the reservations, about seven miles south of the capitol city of Sells, the Cultural Center boasts majestic views of Baboquivari Peak, the Tohono O'Odham's sacred mountain.

The dedication was an event not to be missed. Officials from around the state joined residents of the reservation in enjoying traditional songs and dancing, a film festival, and a moving opening ceremony.

The Cultural Center and Museum will be open from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. For more information and directions, call **(520) 383-2028**.

## *Need to Know...*

### Ryan Field Transfer Station Fee

Beginning August 1st, a fee will be charged for waste collection at the Ryan Field Transfer Station.

The fee schedule is currently set at \$2 for cars and \$5 for trucks.

This rate is comparable with other transfer stations around Pima County. For more information, call **740-3349**.

Pima County will be working diligently to educate the community about what they can do to stop wildcat dumping in our Sonoran Desert.

To contact the Illegal Dumping Hotline, call **622-5800**.

## Happy Anniversary, TNBC!

On June 23rd, Tucson Neighbors Building Community (TNBC) celebrated their first anniversary!

Through the work of these neighbors from the Dodge Flower and Oak Flower communities, numerous meth houses and their occupants have been removed from the community. Additionally, due to Oak Flower Neighborhood's efforts to secure \$500,000 in Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment funds, the area received 63 new street lights.

These neighbors, working with the Meth Free Alliance, Supervisor Bronson's office, and Councilwoman Uhlich's office, have helped make Tucson a safer place for everyone.



Capt. Neri and others hand out certificates to all the people who made TNBC possible

# Design Model Cars!

## Do your kids want to use high-tech design software to make model cars?

The U of A's College of Engineering is offering a week-long Summer Engineering Academy (SEA) to create interesting in engineering among students ages 12—18.

Students teams will design aerodynamic cars and make models to be tested in a specially-designed wind tunnel.

Students will be trained to use a variety of design software, and classroom lectures will cover topics from Fundamentals of Aerodynamics to Materials used in Engineering.

Prizes will be awarded to the best over-all designs, and best of all... it's free!

All that's required is a brief parental orientation and a refundable \$25 deposit.

The SEA is 9am to 3pm, July 23rd—27th.

For more information, contact Michael Wiles at **(520) 622-3651 x582**



## Bufflegrass Control

### Action Leadership Trainings

Bufflegrass is a fire-prone grass introduced from Africa. It often crowds out native plants and fuels frequent fires in our desert.

Now, you can help control the spread of bufflegrass. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer team leader in mapping and monitoring bufflegrass, pulling the grasses, and/or delivering educational presentations to community groups, please consider attending an Action Leadership Training.

Team leader volunteers must attend the All Group Orientation and Training session, and then select an area of interest for additional training.

The All Group Orientation and Training session is Saturday, August 4, from 8am to Noon.

After that, one or more supplemental training session is required:

- ◆ Pulling Team Leader Training: August 11, 7am—11:30am
- ◆ Education Team Leader Training: August 11, 12:30pm—4pm
- ◆ Mapping Team Leader Training: August 25, 8am—Noon

All training sessions will be held at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have a valid email address.

Those interested in mapping and pulling must be in good physical shape.

Training is free, but requires a volunteer commitment.

To register, call Katy Goudschaal at **(520) 615-7855 x103**

## Grant-Seeking Basics for Nonprofits

Learn about the library's resources for nonprofit organizations, including how to research grant opportunities. You will also be introduced to the grants database, *Foundation Directory Online* and *Arizona Guide to Grants & Giving*.



Held Wednesday, July 11 from 5:15 to 7:30pm at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room.

Registration is required. To register, call **(520) 791-4393**



## Open House—July 11, 2007

Members of the design—build team will be available TONIGHT to explain the project and answer any questions about design plans, landscaping, public art, noise analysis, and upcoming construction.

A member of Supervisor Bronson's staff will also be present to discuss your issues and questions.

Stop by on July 11, anytime from 6 to 8pm. The open house will be held in the Tucson Estates Recreational Hall—5900 West Western Way.

## To the Moon and Beyond...!

Come learn about the moon! Kids 8 and up will hear all about the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) mission to study the moon before humans can actually live and work there. Then, they'll make an LRO model to take home.

You can head to the moon at Valencia Library, in the Large Meeting Room on the dates below. Registration is required—call **(520) 791-4531**

Thursday, July 12, 2:30—4pm (registration began June 28)

Tuesday, July 31, 2:30—4pm (registration begins July 17)

Plus, a special program for kids ages 6 and up includes a puppet show, "As the Moon Turns: the Saga of Luna and Moona Lisa," to learn all about how the moon was formed and why we may want to send people there.

Join us at Valencia Library on Thursday, July 26 from 2:30 to 3:30pm.

## Information Power for Small Businesses

Thinking of starting a business, or even expanding an existing business?

Learn how you can use market analysis to develop a winning business strategy. Discover sources for locating suppliers and competitors, identifying potential customers, and tracking trends.

This powerful seminar will be held at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, in the lower level one meeting room, on Saturday, July 21, from 9:30am until Noon.

Registration is required—to register, call **791-4393**