



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

I'm pleased to announce that last week the Board of Supervisors passed two important agenda items that will help Pima County become more sustainable.

First, we passed an item that would make Pima County the first government agency in the nation to partner with the United States Green Building Council in delivering certification services as a LEED for Homes Provider. LEED for Homes is a national rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes.

We also accepted a draft plan of the "Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations" which calls for a new operational and planning paradigm for Pima County that emphasizes sustainable practices around the county. The plan was drafted in response to a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors in May 2007. The resolution established a far-reaching set of sustainability initiatives, many of which set specific goals for the way Pima County departments operate – like shifting half the fleet vehicles to more environmentally-friendly fuels by 2010; powering facilities with at least 15% renewable energy by 2025; and building all new County-funded facilities to meet the US Green Building Council's LEED Silver Standards.

I'm pleased that the Board is helping to move Pima County in the right direction. The draft of the Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations is available for public review and comment at www.pima.gov. Please take a minute to review the plan and tell us what you think.

Bronson Dedicates New Wheeler Taft Abbett Library in Town of Marana.



Supervisor Bronson, Charlyne Abbett, Sandy Travers, Abbett Family member, Nancy Ledebauer and Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr.

Supervisor Sharon Bronson and more than 500 visitors celebrated the grand opening of the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library Branch on June 7th. Charlyne and Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. were also on hand to celebrate along with the artist, Sandy Travers, Abbett family member and Nancy Ledebauer with Pima County Library.

The new library is located at 7800 N Schisler Drive in the Town of Marana and is the newest edition to the Pima County Public Library system. The telephone number is 594-5200.

There is no doubt that this new addition will be used extensively. Make sure to stop by and check it out and congratulations to the residents of District 3 and the Town of Marana.

Hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday:	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday:	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday:	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Ajo Roping Arena—Rides Again!!!

Pima County and WALD, Inc. have signed an agreement for the management of the Ajo Roping Arena. WALD Board Members, John Wyatt, Cheryl Langer, and Bud Klinefelter have been working for over a year to get this project up-and-going and were recently on hand for the "Management Agreement" signing at the Bud Walker Community Center.

With the paperwork finished they can concentrate on upgrading and marketing the facility. They already have a set of bleachers on site and a generator ready to light it up.



So keep your eyes open for some activity to be taking place and before you know it, some events will be scheduled out at the ole arena!!



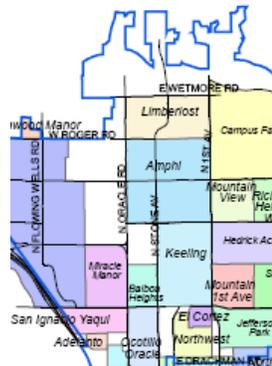
Cheryl Langer, Bud Klinefelter and John Wyatt

Spotlight on...

Proactive Neighborhoods Working Together... AMPHI, Balboa Heights, Coronado Heights, El Cortez, Keeling, Northwest

Six neighborhoods have joined forces and are currently working together to apply for a \$1 million Federal Weed and Seed Grant. This grant is a community based, comprehensive, multi-agency effort with a strategy to prevent, control and reduce violent crime, gang activity and criminal drug related activity in a specific area. Because it is a multi-agency coalition there are several partnerships (too numerous to mention) that are already on board and more are joining each week. Residents, businesses, and other community agencies are all welcome to join the effort.

If the combined forces of the six neighborhoods are selected they will be known as the North Tucson Weed and Seed Coalition and currently, meetings take place every other Monday at the Tucson Police Department, West Division, 1310 W Miracle Mile at 5:45 pm. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 14th.



The individuals from each community who are spearheading this project are:

AMPHI:	Maureen Hazlett and Rick Wicinski
Balboa Heights:	Jane Baker
Coronado Heights:	Karen Lamberton and Bernadette Jilka
El Cortez:	Tori Stypula and Chuck Humphrey
Keeling:	Nickalen Neff, Tom Huels and John Murphy
Northwest:	Amando Vargas and Dan Dorsey

A draft application must be submitted to the U.S. Attorney by August 19th and the final application is due September 8th.

A round of applause to all who are taking their time to work on this project and for the commitment to make their communities a better place to live. Good Luck!!

New Multi-Use Recreational Courts At AMPHI Middle School

The morning of May 5th marked the opening of the AMPHI Middle School Multi-Use Recreational Structure and Supervisor Sharon Bronson joined in the festivities to speak at the dedication ceremony.

Always Thinking Community fostered this development along with Pima County Parks and Recreation, Amphitheater Unified School District, Seaver-Franks Architects, Turner Structural Engineering and AMPHI Neighborhood Assn.

Now everyone can have access to affordable courts to play handball, racquetball, stickball/strikeout and other activities. It's great exercise, a good way to meet new people and fun for all involved. So, come watch or join in the fun every Saturday from 5 to 8 pm at the new courts.



Picture courtesy of Julissa Oviedo

Curley School... Grand Opening of Cafeteria Gallery and Enterprise Center

On Wednesday, June 18th, Supervisor Sharon Bronson was joined by International Sonoran Desert Alliance Board Members Jim Reiman, Lorraine Marquez Eiler, Cathy Hutton, Bob Dooley, George Gradillas, and Tracy Taft, Executive Director to celebrate the newest building renovation at Curley School with the grand opening of the Cafeteria Gallery and Enterprise Center.



A view of the crowd and the rounded wooden ceiling

Courtesy of Hop David
<http://clowder.net/hop/index.html>

Visitors had the opportunity to view all the artwork and to sample an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. They also enjoyed some time to mingle with the artists, Supervisor Bronson, and ISDA board and staff members. As time goes on many more displays will be added to the gallery.

The Enterprise Center houses the equipment that can create marketing materials for businesses. Members can receive services such as copying, printing, shipping and the opportunity to attend business skills workshops. One group of participants just completed a course and were awarded certificates at the end of the afternoon's festivities.

Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the Curley School for the 2008 Governor's Heritage Preservation Award. Great job!



Supervisor Bronson addresses the crowd



Economic Development and Tourism

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism acts as primary liaison with the business, academic and tourism community to enhance the economic well being of the region. The department also provides business development, marketing, training and revenue enhancement programs to Pima County's leased asset partners, such as the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Old Tucson Studios, Colossal Cave Mountain Park, Pima Air and Space Museum, Pima County Fairgrounds, and more.

Tucson attractions they help promote include:

- * Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
- * Kino Sports Complex
- * Pima Air and Space Museum
- * P1 Kart Circuit
- * Sidewinders
- * Sports Park

Visit Pima County's Economic Development and Tourism website:
www.pima.gov/ced/edt
 or call 520-243-7355

Recent Projects and Events:

- * With KOLD produced two 30 minute TV specials featuring Arizona Sonora Desert Museum & Colossal Cave Mountain Park
- * Assisted the business community in the creation of the Pima County Sports and Tourism Authority
- * In February 2008 won two ADDY Awards for websites www.pimacountyattractions.com and www.tucsonattractions.com (in conjunction with the Southern Arizona Attractions Alliance)

Literacy Volunteers of Tucson is a non-profit organization that trains volunteer tutors to teach adults to read, write, and speak English so they can achieve their life goals.



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Did you know:
 1 in 5 adults in Arizona are functionally illiterate
 22 % of Arizona's adults have not completed high school
 Those wanting to learn range in age from 16 to 83

Impact to our society from illiteracy:
 U.S. Dept. of Education statistics reveal 60% of prison inmates are illiterate and 85% of juvenile offenders have reading problems. Illiteracy can lead to low self-esteem, unemployment, poverty and crime.

For more information on how to help call 520-882-8006 or check online at www.lovetoread.org.



Pet of the Month—PACC



District 3 is pleased to introduce you to the Pet of the Month! Say hello to Kaylee, a Labrador/Sharpie mix who was evaluated by the volunteers of the S.T.A.R. (Shelter Dog Training and Re-Homing) program. The STAR volunteers report that Kaylee is wonderful!!

In addition to being very friendly, Kaylee walks great on a leash. So ask for Kennel Card # 65165 when you stop in for a visit at 4000 N. Silverbell or call in advance for daily hours of operation at 243-5900.

Kaylee might make the perfect addition to your family so please stop by today to visit with her and the other wonderful animals available for adoption at PACC.



Pima County and the City of Tucson Present:
The Water & Wastewater Education Program Series



The Pima County Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with the City of Tucson launched this important program in March 2008. Phase I is focused on data collection and education about essential facts in order to lay the groundwork for an informed public dialogue in Phase II. Phase I should be complete in September 2008 and several public meetings are scheduled between now and the end of September in order to accomplish this goal.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presentation Topics</u>
07/09	8:00 am	Potable Water, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Delivery System
07/23	6:00 pm	New Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
08/13	8:00 am	Financial Planning
08/27	6:00 pm	Population, Land Use and Growth
09/10	8:00 am	Future Resource Scenarios, Conservation, Environmental Needs for Water
09/24	6:00 pm	Sustainable Water Population Discussion

(Meetings are currently being held at the Randolph Golf Course Club House at 600 S. Alvernon Way)

If you'd like more information please contact Melaney Seacat, Pima County Coordinator for the Regional Water Study at 740-6517 or Nicole Ewing Gavin, City of Tucson Coordinator at 791-4204 or visit the website at www.tucsonpimawaterstudy.com.