



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

One can hardly watch the news or pick up a newspaper without seeing or hearing something about the budget. Federal, state, and local governments are all dealing with many of the same issues. It should come as no surprise that state services are being cut and more cost shifts from the state to the county will occur. We just don't know when or how much.

I am asking District 3 constituents to provide us with information on how your community or neighborhood has been impacted by these difficult economic times and by the various budget cuts that have already occurred. As your elected official, I need to know how community members are affected and the more information you share with me, the better decisions I will be able to make on your behalf. So, please take the time to send your information to the District 3 email address at: [District3@pima.gov](mailto:District3@pima.gov).

### Pima County Sheriff's Office Introduces... Safelink

Safelink, a new addition to the Sheriff's Dept. website provides information on criminal activity, trends in the area and crime prevention tips to the residents of Pima County.



- ◆ You can receive information about your community directly to your email account.
- You can retrieve current events and/or archived events.



To register go to [www.pimasheriff.org](http://www.pimasheriff.org) and follow the prompts. It only takes a minute to sign up!!

### Tucson Estates Property Owners Assn. Community Information Night

Mark your calendars for **February 17th at 6:00 p.m.** for the annual Community Information Night with the Tucson



Estates Property Owners Association Board, staff members, several Pima County departments and Supervisor Sharon Bronson.

All residents are invited to attend as many important issues that affect the community will be addressed. Some of the topics to be discussed include the Ajo/Kinney Development, Wal-Mart update, Pima County budget, and the I-10 bypass.

The County will have tables set up with information on various topics and literature to pass out.

So please plan on attending and pass the word to your friends and neighbors.



### County Supervisors Association

Supervisor Sharon Bronson was recently elected to serve as President on the Executive Committee with the County Supervisors Association of Arizona.

CSA represents all 15 Arizona counties and its membership consists of all the supervisors. It offers a non-partisan forum to address important issues facing local constituents, providing a mechanism to share information and develop state and federal policy in a proactive way.

Supervisor Bronson would like to thank all those who sent their congratulations. For more information on the County Supervisors Association visit their website at: [www.countysupervisors.org](http://www.countysupervisors.org).



Supervisor Bronson  
with Jim Palmer



## HANA...Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association

Congratulations to HANA residents for the recent completion of speed tables, neighborhood signs and the new decomposed granite pedestrian path next to the Navajo Wash. These projects were made possible with Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds.

HANA residents gathered on Saturday, Dec 13th to clean up and celebrate the dedication of the Navajo Wash by Tucson Clean and Beautiful. Last year forty-six trees were planted in the wash area and all trees are thriving beautifully and will provide some much needed shade for the future. Clean up sessions for the wash area are held the second Saturday of every month at 9:00 am. Come out, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the revitalization of the Navajo Wash. It's beautiful!



## Ajo Plaza ...January 17th Community Meeting

Nick Francis, Plaza Project Manager for Ajo Management Company will be holding an open Community Meeting at the Plaza on January 17th between the hours of 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Tours of the plaza and the train depot will be conducted between 1:00 and 2:00 and an open discussion about the future of the Plaza and the Depot will follow.

So please take the time to stop by and participate in the event as it will certainly be unique and your input and ideas are welcome.



If you have any questions please give Nick Francis a call at 954-5612.

*Photos courtesy of Nick Francis*



## PACC...Pet of the Month



Meet Maya...isn't she beautiful!! She is a three year old Golden Retriever/Labrador Retriever mix. While she would be very happy to have a roof over her head and food in her stomach what she would really prefer is a cozy bed and someone special to love her.

Take her for a walk in the morning or evening, talk to her and comb that beautiful white fur. She is very gentle and sweet, so take the time to pay her a visit at the Pima Animal Care Center located at 4000 N. Silverbell. You can always call in advance for daily hours of operation. Their number is 243-5900.

So please stop by, you may just fall in love with Maya and she will return that love tenfold.





## Pima County Residential Green Building Program and LEED for Homes

The Pima County Regional Residential Green Building Rating System was developed to promote the construction of sustainable homes through a certification program. It is a voluntary program that is consolidated with the building permit and inspection process and its purpose is to encourage energy efficient, water efficient, healthy homes to help our citizens and community.

Homes are rated and awarded points for environmentally responsible criteria in the following categories:

Location   Lot Design and Development   Resource Efficiency   Energy Efficiency   Water Efficiency  
Indoor Environmental Quality   Operation, Maintenance and Owner Education



Currently there are twelve (12) residential homes and one (1) Apartment Complex working towards certification. There is no additional cost to become certified and there are various state and federal tax credits that are available.

Four levels of Certification Available:  
Bronze - Silver - Gold - Emerald

Pima County Building Safety and Sustainability is also involved in LEED for Homes. It is the first government agency to be awarded a LEED for Homes providership which is a voluntary third party certification system of the US Green Building Council that promotes design and construction of high-performance green homes.

For more information on both certification programs please visit their web site at [www.pimaxpress.com/green](http://www.pimaxpress.com/green) or call and talk to Program Manager, Richard Franz. He can be reached at 740-6490.

## Tohono O’Odham Nation—12% of Revenue Proceeds

### List of Recipients

- ◆ American Red Cross, Southern Arizona Chapter - \$36,000
- ◆ CHRPA - \$100,000
- ◆ Drexel Heights Fire District - \$110,000
- ◆ Friends of Saguaro National Park—\$25,000
- ◆ Make Way for Books - \$8,024
- ◆ Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona - \$18,138
- ◆ Pima Association of Governments - \$34,000
- ◆ Pima County Sports and Tourism Authority - \$50,000
- ◆ Planned Parenthood Arizona - \$25,000
- ◆ PPEP - \$29,566
- ◆ U of A - \$31,639
- ◆ UMC Foundation - \$100,000
- ◆ University of Arizona Child Language Center - \$36,000
- ◆ Voices - \$40,000
- ◆ Western Pima County Community Council - \$42,336

Congratulations to all who were selected!

## National Holiday’s



In observation of the following National Holiday’s Pima County offices will be closed on:

January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr.

February 16th for President’s Day



## Ajo...Working to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat Community

Do you love watching wildlife and or providing a place in your yard for wildlife to visit? Do you enjoy just watching little critters scurry about or take care of their young? If yes, then you are the perfect candidate to join in the campaign to get Ajo certified as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation.

Viv Sartori, Park Ranger with the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is spearheading a project to get the community of Ajo certified as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. Currently there are only 23 communities across the United States that are certified and there are only four things that you need to do in order to accomplish certification. Some of you may already qualify for certification, but just don’t realize it.

- ◆ Provide Water
- ◆ Use Plants that provide food
- ◆ Use Plants that provide cover & places to raise young
- ◆ Landscape or garden using sustainable methods

If you are interested in this program please call Viv at 387-6849 ext 7304 or email her at [vivian\\_sartori@nps.gov](mailto:vivian_sartori@nps.gov).

