



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama in February. The law appropriates \$787 billion for projects that will preserve and maintain jobs, stimulate economic recovery, assist individuals impacted by the recession, and provide public infrastructure that will yield long-term benefits.

Pima County is actively involved in developing proposals and submitting applications as federal stimulus opportunities are announced. Awards received to date include:

Summer Youth Program: The County will receive between \$1.5 and \$2 million to help fund 1,800 local youth jobs in the public and private sector. Jobs will run four to seven weeks for 30 to 40 hours per week at \$7.25 per hour and more than 4,000 teens have already applied.

Home Weatherization Program: The County will receive approximately \$1.7 million for the weatherization of low-income residences outside the City of Tucson. These funds will supplement the County's existing weatherization program.

Road Repair and Pavement Preservation: The County will receive approximately \$8 million for pavement preservation projects, with one-quarter of those funds to be spent on 11 miles of roads in District 3.

Hohokam Middle School: The County will receive \$575,000 for a bike lane and pathway project at Hohokam Middle School located at 7400 S. Settler Road.



Mosquito season will soon be here...

Those pesky mosquitoes will be here before we know it, so prepare in advance how to protect your family. Be sure to empty standing water that may collect in plant saucers, backyard toys, and other containers in your yard. When you put on sun screen don't forget to apply mosquito repellent if you're going to be outside in the early evenings... their favorite feeding time.



**HEARING/SPEECH
CHALLENGES**
Use Sprint text
relay to contact us.

Two New Programs Available for Area Residents

For the hearing and speech impaired Sprint IP Relay is now available. Through your computer, log onto www.pimahealth.org and click on the Contact Us link and just follow the directions.

For those wanting to be kept better informed about health department advisories and emergency information, Twitter is now available. Log onto www.pimahealth.org and scroll down to the Twitter icon and follow the directions.



Both programs are easy and free!!

H1N1 (Swine Flu) Virus Update:

Please visit www.pimahealth.org for current and continuous updates on Swine Flu. Read tips and suggestions on what to do and not do by clicking on the link listed below:

<http://www.pimahealth.org/about/PressReleases/swineflu4-28.pdf>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your family physician.

Memorial Day....

County offices will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day...to remember and honor all casualties of war.

A concert, John Philip Sousa in the Park, will be held at Reid Park at 7:00 pm at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center on May 24th.

A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. eastern time.



Spotlight on...

North Dodge Neighborhood Association



One thing is obvious...the residents of the North Dodge Neighborhood take pride in their community.

Quite a crowd gathered Saturday morning March 28th for the annual North Dodge Neighborhood cleanup. Residents and volunteers, young, old and in between took part in the event as teams took to the streets to help beautify the neighborhood. Picking up trash, raking up debris and an overall general clean up is standard for this community. After the morning's hard work lunch and refreshments are always provided and everyone gets a chance to visit and catch up with their neighbors and even meet some new ones.



In 2007 the neighborhood submitted a grant application to the County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and were approved for lighting and sidewalks with ADA compliant access ramps. A portion of the project was recently completed and some remaining funds will be used for additional sidewalks on Monte Vista, Blacklidge and Presidio.



Since the completion of the project some residents have added landscaping and many others are out making sure the sidewalks remain clean and clear of debris etc.

Everyone has noticed what a difference it makes to see children, handicapped individuals and others using the sidewalks instead of walking out in the street.



Three board members of North Dodge Neighborhood Assn. Christine and Dave Burnham and Lew Evilsizor.

Quite an improvement!!

New sidewalks on Dodge.

Pet of the Month...

If you are in the market for a calm, extremely sweet, gentle pet, then I'm the dog for you.

My name is Lady and I'm a five year old Labrador Retriever mix.

I have excellent manners and walk great on a leash. I have to be honest and tell you I am pretty much a couch potato, but with lots of love to share.

So please stop by PACC for a visit and I'll show you how good I am at walking on a leash. Just ask for Lady with kennel card # 209742.

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Saguaro National Park Tucson Mountain District Desert Tortoise Tracking Program

Plan A Field Trip

Saguaro National Park- Tucson Mountain District Desert Tortoise Tracking Program

This program brings late elementary, middle, and high school biology/science students into the field to mimic the experience of scientists radio-tracking one of the park's signature species, the Sonoran Desert Tortoise. Through this comprehensive experience, students will gain a greater understanding of the desert tortoise and Sonoran Desert ecology, as well as specific conservation issues concerning the fate of desert tortoises.

Sign up today for this novel and impactful educational experience! For questions or to make a reservation, please contact Chip Littlefield at 520.733.5157.



Picture Rocks Pride Community Faire...May 9th

Take time to join in the fun from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Picture Rocks Community Center and Park. This event is funded in part by a Pro Neighborhood Grant and everything is FREE!!



Game booths, face painting, clowns, jumping house, cake walk, pie eating contest, hot dogs and soft drinks and live entertainment are some of the activities planned for the day.

There will be more than 15 community information booths hosted by Pima County Sheriff's Dept., Picture Rocks Fire District, Red Cross, Food Bank, Library and many more.



Lots of prizes, hourly drawings for gift cards and all who attend are eligible to win one of three reconditioned computers or a telescope.

Supervisor Bronson will also be on hand to help celebrate the installation of the shade cover over the children's play area and the start of the BMX-Skate park.

So, make sure you stop by for all the festivities.



Pima County Health Department... in the classroom in Ajo!

Registered Sanitarian Erica Lopez with Pima County Health Department was recently on site in Ajo to instruct food handlers on the safe and proper way to handle and prep food when it is to be served to customers. Emphasis is always on safe food handling techniques.



Congratulations to the ten individuals who took part in the three hour training session; all of whom passed the two hour exam and will be receiving a certificate of completion. This is a not a mandatory class, so a special thanks to all who participated.

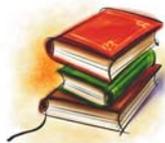


Photo courtesy of Mike Mekelburg with the Ajo Copper News.

Summer Time Activities for kids and teens...

Pima County Library...

is looking for "Teen Volunteers" for their summer reading program. The program runs from May 21st through July 18th.



To learn more about this program call Debbie Boyle at 594-5305 or plan on attending an information meeting:

May 14, 2009
4:00—5:00 pm

Himmel Park Branch Library
1035 N. Treat Ave.

You will meet other volunteers, learn about the program and enjoy some pizza. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Pima County Parks and Recreation...

There are a number of summer day camps available at Agua Caliente Park.

They include:

Desert Dwellers—June 2nd—5th
People, Place and Time—June 16th—19th
Aquatic Adventures—July 7th—10th

Call 520-615-7855 or email eeducation@pima.gov for more information.

There are also a multitude of classes available throughout the summer in art, fitness, dance or music for kids of varying age groups. View their web site at www.pima.gov/nrpr/classes/index.htm and then click on kids and teens for a schedule of all that is available.



Check out the County Community Center nearest you for programs that are available for teens at www.pima.gov/nrpr/teens/index.htm. These programs are available year round.