



A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

As Pima County develops its budget for Fiscal Year 2011 beginning July 1, 2010, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some information with you.

Arizona families and businesses continue to tighten their belts as they struggle to recover from this current recession. Pima County has tightened its belt in response to this same pressure. Beginning in the fall of 2007, the County reduced its workforce, cut department budgets by an average of 12% (with the exception of the Sheriff); and declined to raise employees' salaries over the last two years.

Recently the Arizona State legislature finished balancing this year's (FY10) budget and approved next year's (FY11) budget. These measures have since been signed into law by Governor Brewer. The aggregate impact to Pima County of these enacted budgets is almost \$22 million dollars in cost shifts or lost revenues. This translates to more belt tightening ahead for all Pima County departments as we try to maintain current service levels.

Should the Governor's temporary sales tax initiative on the May ballot fail, Pima County will be required to absorb additional cost shifts. One such cost shift begins October 1, 2010, when all state prisoners with a year or less of their sentence remaining will be transferred to county jails with counties then paying the full cost of their incarceration. In this event, Pima County would see an estimated additional 1800 prisoners, doubling the number of inmates currently housed at the County jail and increasing the operating costs of the jail from the current level of \$44 million to at least \$79 million. With our jail nearing its full capacity, its size must double at an estimated capital investment of about \$150 million. Should we be forced to comply with this state budget mandate, the Pima County Board of Supervisors would have no choice but to significantly raise local taxes and significantly cut services to ensure that the State balances its budget.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors will be making some very difficult decisions over the next several months. As we make these decisions, I welcome your comments and suggestions. You may contact us at 740-8051 or district3@pima.gov

To view the State of Arizona's budget visit www.azleg.gov/jlbc/newpage.htm and to see Pima County's current budget data go to www.pima.gov/finance/HTML/RecBdgt/2009-2010/Index.htm (under County Administration)

To read the latest Budget Review by the Pima County Administrator go to:
<http://www.pima.gov/finance/PDFs/Budget/BdgtMemo/0910/CA032910BudgetReview.pdf>

Community Food Bank Vegetable Garden Workshops

With the price of everything going up and the recent arrival of spring, now may be the perfect time to learn how to grow your own vegetables.



The Community Food Bank is offering FREE workshops on:

- Soil and Compost
- Site Design
- Planting a Healthy Garden

Advance registration is required so if you are interested call Luis at 622-0525 extension 264 or email him at lherrera@communityfoodbank.com

Classes are held on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Community Food Bank located at 3003 S. County Club (off 36th) in the "Nuestra Tierra Garden." Classes are open to anyone interested in gardening!



So make it a family affair and check out the classes!!!

Lend A Hand....Semi Annual Yard Sale

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

April 10th
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1645 E. Water



Donated items can be dropped off up to one week before the sale and volunteers are needed to help with the sale.

For more information call Michele at 248-6882 or check out their web site at www.lahseniorhelp.org

Pima County.... Project Action

With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Project Action provides assistance to residents of Pima County and the City of Tucson to help them avoid homelessness and aid to those that have recently become homeless.



Check out the website at www.PimaCountyHelp.org for all the particulars or call Tedra Fox at 740-8766. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be able to use it.

Spotlight on...

Flowing Wells

For the past seven years Ellie Towne has served as President of the Flowing Wells Community and it is quite enlightening to look back and see all that was accomplished during her tenure.

Community Center - St. Elizabeth's Health Center - Library - Park upgrades
New Streetlights - Fire Hydrants - Home Repair Programs - Playgrounds
All America City. ...and the list goes on!

She spent endless hours mentoring and guiding others, whether they lived in her neighborhood or in another, but most of all she has showed us what the word "Community" is all about.

Ellie certainly is leaving some big shoes to fill and we're sure she will always be on hand to serve her community.....let's not count her out just yet!!!!

Happy Retirement Ellie and thanks for all your hard work!



Goodwill Industries Good Guides... Youth Mentoring Program

Good Guides is a national program that helps youth:

- Complete school
- Prepare for productive work
- Build career plans and skills
- Access post secondary training
- Provides structure and supportive relationships with trusted adult mentors.



Youth in the age range of 12 to 17 in the Tucson Metro area will be participating in this program.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Graham Buffton, Mentor Coordinator at 520-622-1275 or gbuffton@goodwilltucson.org.



Your time commitment will only be 4 to 6 hours a month and the rewards... limitless!

Pro Neighborhood...Workshops

April 14th - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **FREE**
**Maximizing your Groups' Potential
for Creating Change**

Facilitated by Corey Seemiller

May 4th - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Improving Communication for your Group
Facilitated by Tom Murray

Both classes are being held at:
330 N. Commerce Park Loop, United Way
All workshops are FREE, but you must register.

You can register online at:
www.proneighborhoods.org/workshops.php

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Torres, Community Organizer at 903-3994 or email her at: ltorres@proneighborhoods.org



April...Child Abuse Prevention Month

There are several events taking place in April that benefit victims of child abuse. Some of the events are listed below:

Host a Night For Children - for contact information call 624-5600

Charity Bowling Tournament and Raffle on April 25th - call Callie Koch at 243-6420

Golf Classic XXI Tournament on April 30th - call 624-5600 to register or for more information

Dine to Donate - Applebee's will donate 10% to help Prevent Child Abuse- April 2nd

Diamond Backs Ball Game - April 24th in Phoenix

Voices for Children poker run, bike show and rock concert at The Rock April 10th

www.rocktucson.com

Make a difference....if you see it....report it1-800-SOS-CHILD



Pima County Onestop Career Center



Need assistance finding the right job or career path that fits you best?

Let Pima County Onestop assist you. They offer services for youth and adults and they also provide support to employers in recruiting, staffing, and training.

Employee Services Include:

Job Banks/Job Leads/Resumes
Workshops/Career Exploration
Labor Market Library/Adult Ed. Classes
Interviewing Skills//On-Line Job Matching
Computer Access & Email Accounts
Computer Skills Classes & Typing Tutorials
Disability Employment Services

You can get all your questions answered by visiting a Onestop location or by calling one of the offices.

The Kino Service Center serves dislocated employees:
2797 E. Ajo Way
Tucson, AZ 85713
243-6700

The Rio Nuevo Service Center serves unemployed adults and youth:
340 N. Commerce Park Loop
Tucson AZ 85745
798-0500

Employer Services Include:

Recruitment
Workforce Training
On the Job Training
Customized Training
Layoff Services



The website address is:
<http://www.pima.gov/ced/cs/onestop/>



Summer Youth Job Program for 2010



Looking for a summer job, but don't have any work experience?

Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who reside in Pima County are eligible to apply for the Summer Youth Program.



You can apply online at:
<https://secure.pima.gov/summeryouth>
or call 798-0533 to have all your questions answered.

Positions are limited so don't delay and make sure you fill out the application completely and accurately.

Happy job hunting!!

Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity Tucson was founded in 1980 and 300 Tucson families have purchased homes through the program. On a international level more than 200,000 homes have been built in different parts of the world, providing more than 1,000,000 people with safe, decent and affordable shelter.

If you are interested in applying for a home or maybe doing some volunteer work check out their web site at: www.habitattucson.org or give them a call at 326-1217.

There are three basic areas that are considered for home ownership:

1. Need
2. Ability to pay
3. Willingness to participate as a partner with Habitat.



Pet of the Month....Pima County Animal Care Center in AJO



Meet Panda....a very loving 3 year old male Boston Terrier. He loves people and is great with kids. He is already neutered, micro chipped and up to date on his shots. In other words...he is ready to go home and join your family.

Panda can be adopted at PACC in Ajo located at 1259 Well Road, Ajo, AZ 85321. They can be reached at 520-387-7502.

So stop by and visit with Panda and you just might discover he is exactly the dog you have been looking to adopt.

Ajo Hours of Operation

Monday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

