



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Autumn weather will be here soon and it will be the perfect time to do some walking, running or biking and enjoying the milder temperatures. Various Pima County groups have events planned so you may be interested in joining one or more for some great exercise, beautiful scenery and fun times.

Tucson Velo - Tuesday Night Community Bike Ride - meet at the U of A Flagpole - <http://tucsonvelo.com/calendar/events/>  
El Tour Adventure Run - September 21st - 10K or 5K - <http://www.perimeterbicycling.com/events/>  
Sweetwater Wetlands Birding Walk - September 24th - <http://webcms.pima.gov/calendar>  
Girl Scouts Southern Arizona - Thin Mint Sprint 5K - September 29th - <http://webcms.pima.gov/calendar>

If you are not interested in joining up with a group you can always take a tour of the "Loop". You can ride, walk, jog, go horse-back riding, or skateboarding on over 100 miles of shared use paths. There are several parks along the route of the Loop where you can relax and enjoy by yourself or with family and friends. You might want to take along your camera because you never know what great shots you may be able to capture along the way.

Have fun and enjoy.

### Native Plant Salvage Program



Are you or someone you know interested in saving Native Plants? If the answer is yes than the Pima County Native Plant Salvage Program may be able to assist you.

The Department of Transportation offers government agencies and non-profit native plant organizations the opportunity to salvage native plants that conflict with new construction projects.

If you are not currently involved with a non-profit, but would like to salvage native plants you can contact the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society who welcomes and invites new members to join. Membership fees are \$15.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for families. For additional information please contact them at:

[www.tucsoncactus.org](http://www.tucsoncactus.org) - 520-256-2447

Some current projects include plants from Wade Road to Mark Road also La Canada Drive to Oracle Road.

If you have any questions about this program you can contact Ellen Alster, Pima County Landscape Architect at [ellen.alster@pima.gov](mailto:ellen.alster@pima.gov) or call the Dept. of Transportation at 724-6410.



### Robles Junction Annual Community Festival October 5, 2013



### Lend a Hand Yard Sale - October 19, 2013

LAH is having a Fall yard sale to raise funds for their non-profit organization. Do you have furniture, jewelry, electronics, or anything you'd like to donate to a great cause?

If so, please drop off your unwanted goods starting Oct. 13 at 1545 E. Water St., Tucson. (courtyard will be open)

Yard sale will be on Saturday, Oct.19, 2013 from 7am-1pm

Check out their website for the information on this great local non profit at <http://www.lahseniorhelp.org>



## Small Business Awards



Two District 3 businesses received the annual Small Business Award along with a check for \$500. Supervisor Sharon Bronson presented the awards at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 3rd.

Maureen Johns, Director of Business Operations accepted the award for Casa de los Ninos Thrift Store for an urban business.

Cathy Hutton owner of Second Generation d/b/a Ajo Transportation drove in from Ajo to accept the award for a rural business. This was the first year a separate award was available for rural companies.



Congratulations!

## Climate Smart Southwest.....Ready or *Hot?*

Public Health and Climate Adaptation—Tucson, Arizona

### **Pre-Conference Special Event :**

Dr. Eric Klineberg, Professor of Sociology, Public Policy, Media, Culture and Communications at New York University, and author of *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*, will speak on Friday September 20 at 7-8pm at the TEP/Unisource Building, 88 E. Broadway, Tucson.

**The lecture is free and open to the public, RSVP [here](#).**

### **Community-wide Conference:**

Learn about projected general and health impacts of climate change in the Southwest from climate scientists and leaders, and participate in afternoon workshops: prepare and respond to climate change.

Saturday Sept. 21, 7:30am-5:30pm at the Tucson Convention Center

**Registration Fee of \$35 (\$15 for students) covers program, exhibits, a buffet lunch and free on-site parking.**

**Registration and information: <http://www.psr.org/chapters/arizona/climate-smart-southwest/>**

These programs are hosted by the Arizona Chapter of Physicians of Social Responsibility and 40 other local and national organizations.

*For more information, please contact Dr. Barbara Warren at: [bwarre01@gmail.com](mailto:bwarre01@gmail.com)*

## Saguaro National Park ...September Programs

There is a lot happening at Saguaro National Park so you might want to check out some of the programs available for the whole family.

You can learn about the mountain lion, lizards of the desert, life of a saguaro cactus, petroglyphs, and the Hohokam to name a few of the presentations they offer. Most of the programs are wheelchair accessible.

Both visitor centers are open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day.

Red Hills Visitor Center (Saguaro WEST)  
2700 North Kinney Road  
Tucson, AZ 85743  
(520) 733-5158

Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (Saguaro EAST)  
3693 South Old Spanish Trail  
Tucson, AZ 85730  
(520) 733-5153

For specific dates and times call or visit their web site at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/index.htm>



## Health Insurance Marketplace

Listed below are several websites that may be able to answer any questions or concerns you may have about upcoming changes to healthcare programs.

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1020212> - Webinar on September 25th at 1:00 - 2:00 EST  
(includes overview of ACA, eligibility and how the marketplace works)

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1020218> - Webinar on September 11th at 1:00 - 2:30 EST  
(help making informed coverage decisions - more detailed than the first webinar listed above)

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1020237> - Webinar on September 19th at 1:00 - 2:00 EST  
(small businesses health options program - SHOP)

For a calendar of events and some general information check the two links listed below.

<http://www.Getcoveredamerica.org>

<http://www.Coveraz.org>



## Pima Animal Care Center in Ajo

Stop in at the Animal Care Center in Ajo (located at 1259 Well Road behind the Sheriff's Office) and meet Lindo a 2 1/2 year old Chihuahua mix. He is very friendly and gets along well with kids and cats and as you can see from his picture he is very good looking.



Lindo likes to take walks by himself around town so it is important you have a fenced yard for him.

If you have any questions please call the Ajo Office at 387-7502 or better yet visit Lindo and take him for a little walk about town...he will love it.



## Neighborhood Reinvestment Program...Save the Date



Saturday, January 25th, 2014 for a Neighborhood Leadership Institute. The purpose of the program is to train leaders on the skills to maintain their neighborhoods and community organizations.

For more information contact Leslie Nixon via email at [leslie.nixon@pima.gov](mailto:leslie.nixon@pima.gov) or call her at 520-243-6769

## Red Cross Classes



The local Red Cross offers many classes for anyone interested in learning CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding, Baby Sitting Basics and more. Some of the classes are available on line and others can be taken at various locations.

For a complete list of courses check out their website or give them a call.

<http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>  
520-318-6740



## Green Living Suggestions

Is it time to replace your old A/C unit? Please remember that bigger is NOT always better. Save some money and the environment by making sure you get an accurate record of your "Cycle Timing". The staff at Pima County who are responsible for promoting and educating residents on Green Living are very much aware of its benefits and would like to share them with you. Check out the following link on how you can measure your cycle timing which will determine what size unit you will need to purchase.

<http://www.pimaxpress.com/documents/green/HVAC-Replacement-Cycle-Timing.pdf>

This is just one of many ways you can improve energy efficiency, save money and help the environment at the same time.

For many of us "Green Building" is new and if you have any questions or perhaps you are looking for ideas on how to make your home more energy efficient etc., please feel free to contact Rich Franz-Under, Green Building Program Manager at [Rich.Franz@dcd.pima.gov](mailto:Rich.Franz@dcd.pima.gov) or contact Solar One Stop at <http://www.solaronestopaz.org/>

