

THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST



A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Welcome to the first ever edition of The District 3 Digest. I hope you will find this newsletter interesting and informative, and that you will use it as a resource should you ever need assistance from Pima County.

I'm excited about publishing a newsletter because it gives me the chance to tell you what's happening with your county, inside your government. I know we all lead busy lives, and it's sometimes hard to find the time to keep tabs on it all.

I also want to share with you stories and successes from your neighbors in this district. All of our communities are growing and changing, and there are some exciting new ideas floating around that you may want to co-opt for your own neighborhood!

Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have a question, need help, or even have a great idea that you would like to share with us. Hearing from people in my district is what makes this job worthwhile, and my staff and I are here to serve you.



Supervisor Bronson turns over the key to Robles Junction's new Emergency Readiness trailer

FLOWING WELLS LITTLE LEAGUE: A SUCCESS STORY

Most people involved in a neighborhood association understand how frustrating it can be when the needs of the community simply outgrow the money available.

The Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association needed \$609,000 to provide lights and a concession stand for their Little League field. Everyone knew they needed help, but no one knew where that kind of money could come from.

The answer came when the Tohono O'odham Nation generously donated \$100,000 to Flowing Wells out of the Nation's gaming proceeds.

This donation provided new motivation for the neighbors. Supervisor Bronson also coordinated a matching funds program through Pima County. This was almost enough to pay for the lights—so the Little League Association stepped in to negotiate with the lighting manufacturer, and Flowing Wells received the lights at cost!



Now the only problem was the concession stand. Many parents of Little Leaguers no longer want their players going door-to-door selling candy bars. That means concession stands are the only way that teams can buy uniforms and other equipment.

The neighbors knew they couldn't quit when they were so close. Flowing Wells Little League went to Mars Corporation, which owns Snickers, and asked them to donate the concessions stand. Not only did they provide that, Mars offered to stock it with snacks for an entire year!

The neighbors refused to give up, and the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association was able to do the impossible:

they brought together private businesses, community organizations, and two separate governments to make their field of dreams a reality. Now that's *real* community building!

*Flowing Wells neighbors— to get involved in your neighborhood association, contact your neighborhood association president Ellie Towne at towebaz@msn.com*

Flowing Wells Family Fun Day was a great success!

On Saturday 3/31, neighbors from all over Flowing Wells gathered at Flowing Wells District Park to enjoy food, games, and live entertainment— FREE!

Flowing Wells neighbors took the opportunity to honor Rod Bailey, an avid horseshoe player who loved getting out to the pits. Although he passed away in January, his memory lives on in the newly re-named Rod Bailey Horseshoe Pits at Flowing Wells District Park.



Have you considered throwing a Family Fun Day in your community?

Would you like to see your neighborhood profiled here?  
Email [District3@pima.gov](mailto:District3@pima.gov) for more information!

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## PICTURE ROCKS Neighborhood Spotlight



Picture Rocks is a small community tucked away in the Tucson Mountains, just beyond Gates Pass to the south and Rattlesnake Pass to the north. While its residents love the rural lifestyle, there were citizens who believed they could still find ways to improve the quality of life in their community. Every year, Pima County Supervisors choose two individuals who have been excellent partners to honor at the State of the County luncheon. This year, Supervisor Bronson has chosen two community leaders from Picture Rocks, Greg Mattison and Karen Zopf. Greg Mattison spearheaded Citizens for Picture Rocks, a group of citizen activists dedicated to bringing much-needed services and facilities into the community. Karen Zopf, understanding that citizens of small towns must often rely on one another for timely information, started the Picture Rocks Digest to provide everyone in the community with easy access to news and information. In recent years, the residents of Picture Rocks have worked closely with Pima County to make positive changes in their community. Picture Rocks now boasts a community center, a new park, a Sheriff's substation, and a pool! The progress that Picture Rocks has made, without losing its small-town charm, is a great testament to the power of partnerships.

*Supervisor Bronson tours the border with Sheriff's deputies in preparation for State of the County*

### Conservation Update

The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) is revolutionizing the way Pima County thinks about conservation. Based on science and shaped by public input, SDCP reflects our community values and the uniqueness of our region.

In 2004, voters approved a \$174.3 million bond program providing funds to purchase more land for planning and conservation purposes. To date, SDCP has used \$51.3 million of that to purchase 21,400 acres, bringing total conservation lands in Pima County to more than 77,000 acres in five major reserves.

SDCP has won dozens of planning and conservation awards, including six national and two international awards. Pima County residents can be proud of the efforts to ensure that we will always have livable, sustainable communities.



## Happening in the District...

### Board of Supervisors Meetings

130 W. Congress, 1st Floor / 9am  
Open to the public most Tuesdays  
(Call 520-740-8051 to check meeting status)

### "Rainwater Harvesting for Dry Lands" - 4/10

Join author Brad Lancaster as he presents the basics of sustainable water systems. 6—8pm at the Marana Library, 13370 N. Lon Adams.

### Tucson Youth Weeks- 4/16—4/21

Come honor youth for their community contributions! There will be several film screenings, a youth-run gala, and more. Almost every event is free and open to the public! 615-2100

### Arivaca Star Party- 4/20

Free telescope party! Telescopes provided by Sonoran Astronomical Society of Green Valley; refreshments provided by Friends of Arivaca Library. 9pm at the Arivaca Library, 17050 W. Arivaca Rd.

### Bond Advisory Committee Meeting- 4/20

Come learn about the bond process. 8am at The Manning House— 450 W. Paseo Redondo.

### Dia del Nino, Tucson Children's Museum- 4/22

Noon—3pm on 4/22, enjoy mariachi music, math games, map decorating and other activities. **Free** admission sponsored by Principal Financial Group. 200 S. 6th Ave, call 792-9985 for details.

### Boys to Men Choral Festival- 4/28

Men & boys of all ages & talents are invited to an exciting day of music. Rehearsal & instruction start at 9am and last all day (lunch provided). At 3pm you will perform in concert for a live audience! \$10 for men; free for boys. Catalina United Methodist, call 296-6277 to register.

### State of the County- 5/4

May 4th, 2007— Come hear what we're envisioning for Pima County's future! Call Supervisor Bronson's office for details.

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## "Have you heard?"

### TAAG Graffiti Removal Program

Do you have problems with graffiti in your neighborhood, or even on your own property?

Pima County wants to help!

TAAG (Taking Action Against Graffiti) is the county-sponsored graffiti abatement program that has long been available to deal with vandalism on public property. In March, the Pima County Board of Supervisors voted to expand the program to include clean-ups on private property as well.

When neighbors call to have graffiti removed, the county will either provide the paint, send out a contractor, or dispatch a work crew to clean up the vandalism. The county is already gathering a list of properties that need attention— get yours on the list now!

**To report graffiti in the county, call 792-TAAG**

**To report graffiti in the City of Tucson, call 792-CITY**



### Neighborhoods in District 3:

Ajo  
Amado  
Amphi  
Avra Valley  
Arivaca  
Dodge Flower  
Doolan-Fruitvale  
Flowing Wells  
Hedrick Acres  
Keeling  
Limberlost  
Marana  
Mountain First  
Oak Flower  
Picture Rocks  
Robles Junction  
Sahuarita  
SAMOS  
Sasabe  
Taylor Lane  
Tucson Mountains Association  
Tohono O'odham Nation  
Ward III  
WPCCC (Ajo)

### News from the Board:

At the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Supervisor Bronson will introduce a resolution supporting conservation in the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and Cienega Conservation Area near Arivaca, AZ.

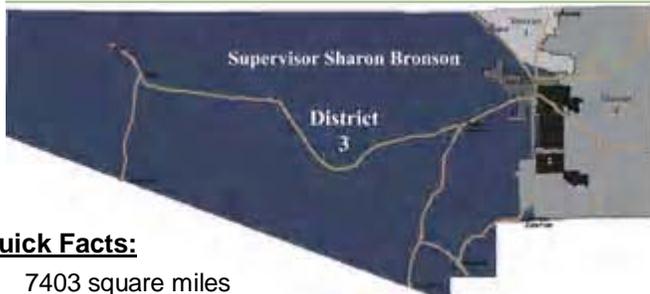
These two areas are so incredibly important to our Southwest heritage and habitat that Supervisor Bronson believes the US Fish & Wildlife Service should be strongly encouraged to spend National Forest Federal Land & Water Conservation monies right here in our own part of Pima County.

Supervisor Bronson's resolution calls on Arizona's representatives in Congress to introduce legislation authorizing federal funds to buy land and water rights in these two environmentally sensitive areas.



Supervisor Bronson breaks ground on the new Tucson Estates office building

### At-a-Glance: District 3



#### Quick Facts:

- 7403 square miles
- Larger than the State of Connecticut
- 131 miles of international border

District 3 is the largest of the five districts in Pima County. Its 7403 square miles encompasses nearly 83% of the entire county.

The district is largely rural, and is the only district in Pima County to share a border with Mexico— creating challenges unique to District 3!

To view a more detailed map and get more information about District 3, please see our website— [www.pima.gov/Bronson.html](http://www.pima.gov/Bronson.html)

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## Problems? Call Us!

Please let my office be a resource for you.

If you don't know who to call or how to get something done, please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff. We will work our hardest to solve your problems and answer your questions.

In the mean time, I encourage you to use the list of numbers below to access the many services that Pima County has to offer.

Planning & Zoning Questions: 740-6800  
Zoning Complaints / Enforcement: 740-6740  
Affordable Housing: 243-6744  
Transportation / Roads: 740-6410  
Wildcat (Illegal) Dumping Hotline: 622-5800  
Smoking Vehicle Hotline: 622-5700

You may also access many Pima County services online by [clicking here](#).

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## Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus!

- ◆ West Nile is a virus that mainly infects birds; mosquitoes that bite infected birds can then transmit the disease to other animals and humans they bite later.
- ◆ The Virus cannot be passed person-to-person; most people who get bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick; very few people who do get sick develop a severe disease.
- ◆ Long sleeves and long pants, even in the summertime, are a good way of avoiding mosquito bites during periods of high mosquito activity.
- ◆ Check window and door screens for holes and cracks.
- ◆ Stay indoors when the mosquitoes are out!
- ◆ Vaccinate horses against West Nile Virus.
- ◆ The very best prevention is eliminating standing water. Get rid of standing water on your property, and call the Pima County Standing Water Hotline if you see ponding water that may become a problem!

**Pima County Standing Water Hotline: (520) 243-7999**

## Check It Out!

TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities) has released its Economic Blueprint, "Securing Our Future Now."

This is a strategic action plan defining an economic vision which will effectively position the Tucson region to capitalize on development opportunities in the future. The Economic Blueprint will tell us what we need to do, what resources are required and what we can expect to happen as Tucson moves into a new era of global competition.

Key areas that TREO focused on for achieving a competitive economy include High Skilled / High Wage Jobs; Educational Excellence; Urban Renaissance; Livable Communities; and Collaborative Government.

Read TREO's Economic Blueprint by clicking [HERE](#).



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