



THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

Those of you who have been a victim of or witness to a violent crime know the experience can be devastating. That is why the Pima County Attorney's Office established the Victim Witness Program in 1975 to provide comprehensive assistance to victims of crime as they navigate the criminal justice system. Victim Witness advocates provide on-scene response, emotional support, information about victim rights, help with criminal justice system, referrals to community services and financial assistance for medical expenses, counseling, lost wages and funeral expenses. Victim Witness also debriefs groups of people who have been affected by a crisis or a disaster.

The Victim Witness Program has recently opened satellite offices in outlying areas of Pima County. These satellite programs each have a dedicated Victim Advocate and community volunteers who enhance the program's ability to serve victims in these areas.

The creation of these satellite offices was made possible through the support of the County Attorney and a grant provided by the Office for Violence Against Women. To contact Victim Witness you can call 520-740-5525 from anywhere in Pima Co.

For Ajo, Why and surrounding Unincorporated Pima Co. call 520-387-3664.

For Marana, Oro Valley or NW Unincorporated Pima Co. call 520-419-7054.

For Green Valley, Sahuarita or Southern Unincorporated Pima Co. 520-631-2835.

Each office is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you need assistance after hours ask the responding law enforcement officer to call Victim Witness on your behalf. If you would like to volunteer for the Victim Witness Program, please call the Pima County Attorney's Office at 520-740-5525.

Picture Rocks ...Groundbreaking for new Fire Station

The "Golden Shovels" saw a lot of action on June 6th as Supervisor Bronson joined Fire District Board Chair Mike Lytle, Fire Chief Kathy Duff-Stewart and many others for a groundbreaking ceremony to launch the start of the building for the new Picture Rocks fire station which will be located at 7341 N. Sandario Road. The site is close to nine acres and it will be home to six firefighters and new equipment. The old station will be remodeled to become a maintenance facility.



Peggy McCool, Kathy Duff-Stewart, Joe and Vickie Ketterle, and Sharon Bronson



Mike Lytle, Supervisor Bronson and Kathy Duff-Stewart

The funding for this project was approved by voters in a bond election two years ago and the new station should be completed by April 2010. Supervisor Bronson thanked the Citizens for Picture Rocks who helped make this project possible. For those who may be interested Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the PRFD Administrative office at 12121 W. Picture Rocks Road.

Congratulations Picture Rocks!!

*All photos courtesy of Citizens for Picture Rocks.
Information for article provided by Albert Lannon*



Monsoon Season....Safety Tips

It is monsoon time again in Tucson and here are a few safety tips provided by the **National Weather Service**.



Monsoon Storms:

Safest locations are sturdy buildings or hard-topped vehicles. Stay away from open areas, porches, trees, convertible cars, swimming pools, etc. If indoors, be sure to stay away from windows. Teach your children to never touch a downed power line. Unlike other parts of the country, wind gusts during storms in Arizona almost always exceed 40 mph. If a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is in effect it means damaging wind gusts of 60 mph or higher are likely.

Flash Floods:

It only takes 1 to 2 feet of water to float most vehicles, including SUV's.

Never drive around barricades.

Never allow children to play near washes or storm drains after any rainfall, no matter how light.

Be aware of distant thunderstorms, especially if they are over the mountains. Flash flooding can occur many miles away as runoff flows into the valleys and desert.

Visit their website at: www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/monsoon/monsoon_safety.php

Silverbell Road Task Force

District 3 is looking for individuals who are interested in serving on the:

Silverbell Road Project Task Force

Please click on the link below for more information and an application or feel free to call our office at 740-8051.

<http://dot.tucsonaz.gov/projects/silverbell>



*Application deadline is
August 28th*

Spotlight on...

Coronado Heights Neighborhood Assn.



The residents of Coronado Heights NA may be new at starting up regular meetings for the neighborhood, but there is nothing new about their can do and will do attitude and all the ideas that are taking hold as this group of residents work to make a difference in the area.

Monthly meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Celebrations Hall, 2823 Stone Ave (right down from the Paul Bunyan statue). So stop by and meet some of your neighbors....you will be glad you did.

Coronado Heights is also one of six neighborhoods that make up the North Tucson Weed and Seed Coalition. They are currently waiting on approval for funding from the federal agency.



They are in the planning stages for a community fair for September 27th ...residents are contacting businesses for donations of food, prizes etc., and everyone is pitching in with various ideas. Flyers will be distributed throughout the neighborhood announcing the event and to let everyone know what fun activities the entire family can enjoy... there will be something for everyone.

There are also future plans for a community wide clean up to be done sometime this fall. As plans are finalized you can always check the District 3 website under Community Events for the latest information.

Congratulations to the residents of the Coronado Heights Neighborhood Association... making a difference a little bit at a time!!

Alvernon-Grant Initiative...Business Good Neighbor Awards

Residents and leaders from four neighborhoods **Dodge/Flower, Garden District, Oak Flower and Palo Verde** along with the Tucson Police Dept., Pima County District 3 and 5 and City Council Offices Ward III and VI all joined forces and celebrated on May 16th at the Tucson Botanical Garden to recognize and award certificates to local organizations and businesses who took part in the initiative to improve the Quality of Life for residents in the neighborhoods.

The businesses and organizations who were recognized include: Emerge Center, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Northgate Laundromat & Cleaners, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Specialists in Dermatology, Fry's and Sign-A-Rama

Congratulations to all involved and a special thanks to the neighborhood association leaders Barbara Lehman, Ida Plotkin, Blanche White and Ronni Kotwica. What a difference concerned citizens, local business and community leaders can make when everyone works together!!



Robles Junction/Three Points....Community Pride Day October 3rd

FREE



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Second Annual Community Pride Day **October 3rd** in Robles Junction/Three Points. Last years event was a huge success and this years event promises to be even better.

The **FREE** festivities will include music, food, entertainment, prizes and activities for the whole family at: Altar Valley Middle School, 16350 West Ajo Way from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

There will be numerous service providers and several Pima County departments on hand to pass out information, answer questions and provide some of the festivities for the day.

So don't forget to stop by and join in the fun.

Rillito Neighborhood...Spring Clean Up

On March 28, 2009, the residents of Rillito completed 3 months of planning with a major neighborhood clean-up. Several faith organizations worked along side the residents of Rillito to clean up residents' yards and public areas. Three local businesses, D H Sanitation, Portland Cement and Kirby Colter Landscaping contributed equipment and staff to the successful effort. Annie Shellberg, Postmistress, was especially helpful in recruiting resources with approximately 126 volunteers participating.



Pantano Christian Church and Grace Temple Baptist Church collaborated in repairing the roof and cooler of the Macedonia Baptist Church which serves the community. Reverend Jessie Mc Knight and his wife, Carol, were delighted to have the assistance for the congregation. Serve and Be Served, Pantano's men's group, provided the expertise and the agility to do the repairs.



The following organizations also contributed time and resources: Gospel Rescue Mission, Community Christian Church of Marana, The Giving Tree, the S.O.B.E.R. Project, the Rillito Water Board, Women's City Wide Prayer Alert, Family Life Radio 88.5/AM-830, Eagles Wings of Grace, Pro Neighborhoods, Pima County, and the United States Post Office of Rillito.



The clean-up is just the beginning ... Street lights are being upgraded and new street signs are being installed. With the help of Kirby Colter of the Rillito Water Board, needed repairs were identified and will be made to the water system through CDBG funding. The Community Center was prepared and is hosting an educational Summer Youth Program for teens and several agencies have made educational presentations to the newly reactivated neighborhood association.



Congratulations to the residents of Rillito and thank you to all the volunteers!!

Pet of the Month...PACC

Hi...my name is Butters and I could be just the pet you have been waiting to adopt. I am an 8 month old female German Shepherd mix and like all German Shepherds I am extremely loyal.



You can rub me behind my ears to your hearts content, because I never tire of it and I can't wait to take some obedience training to learn to do all the things that will make you happy and proud to be my owner.

My kennel card number is 217503 and I am available for adoption anytime. So, stop by PACC at 4000 N. Silverbell or give the center a call at 243-5900.

Once again, Butters is my name and I can't wait to go home!!

Summer Time Activities

Arizona Sonora Desert Museum

Summer Saturday Evenings programs run through August and the admission price after 4:00 p.m. is only \$6.00 per adult, \$2.25 for 6 to 12 years old and under 5 are FREE.

They host a multiple of events such as:

July 11th—Bat Night

July 18th—Desert Food Night/Earth Camp Celebration

July 25th—Family Astronomy Night

Aug 8th— Ghost Net and Sustainable Seafood Night

Aug 22nd Dark Skies and Sky Hunters

The events and programs are too numerous to list, so check out their web at :www.desertmuseum.org and pick an event or two (maybe more) to attend, and have a great time.



Pima County...Swimming Pools



Is there anything better than a dip in the pool on a hot Tucson afternoon....

The whole family can enjoy swim time at one of the Pima County Parks and Recreation swimming pools. There are several locations to choose from:

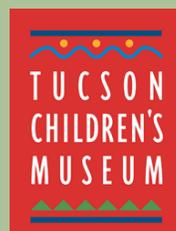
Ajo Pool—Brandi Fenton Splash Pad

Catalina Pool—Flowing Wells Pool—Wade McLean Pool

Kino Pool—Los Ninos Pool—Manzanita Pool

Picture Rocks Pool and Splash Pad

Check out their web site at www.pima.gov/nrpr for more information and take time to look at the classes available for swim lessons.



Tucson Children's Museum Monsoons Monday Nights

Admission: \$1.00

Every Monday evening
from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day

Check out their list of scheduled guests at:
[www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org/
specialevents.shtml#mmn](http://www.tucsonchildrensmuseum.org/specialevents.shtml#mmn)

You can view their calendar for many other events and activities taking place all summer long, give them a call at 520-792-9985 or stop by for a visit at 200 S. 6th Ave.