

THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST



A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

As you may know, District 3 is the only part of Pima County that shares a border with Mexico—more than 130 miles. What you may not know is that western Pima County has become one of the most active drug-smuggling corridor in the entire United States. Violence in the region is escalating as drug and human smuggling are on the rise.

That's why, in April, the Pima County Sheriff's Department announced its new **Border Crimes Unit**. The Sheriff's Department will ask the Board of Supervisors for \$1 million to hire 12 new deputies dedicated to weeding out drug trafficking, human smuggling, and border violence. As of April 23, the Border Crimes Unit is already operational, with six deputies and a sergeant patrolling the area west of the Tucson Mountains.

Being on the border means facing issues that other parts of Pima County do not deal with. But I believe that, together, we are meeting these challenges head-on.



Supervisor Bronson and Pima County Sheriff's deputies view the border near Sasabe, AZ

Park Ave. Project: A Model in Partnership Building

Three neighborhoods in Central Tucson have joined forces to improve a stretch of North Park Avenue.

Hedrick Acres, Mountain First and Jefferson Park neighborhoods worked with a team of volunteer professionals to create a plan improving bike lanes, adding a pedestrian path, increasing lighting, improving drainage, and making other improvements to Park Ave. between Speedway Blvd. and Ft. Lowell.

Last year, Hedrick Acres and Mountain First each separately considered applying for a federal transportation enhancement grant; however, after learning how similar their needs were, they decided to work together in the grant process. Jefferson Park came into the picture soon after, and this dynamic team was complete.

The partnership created by these three neighborhoods will significantly increase their chances of receiving federal funding, but more importantly it is another example of how neighbors working together can change the face of our district.



Breaking ground on the Skate Park, May of 2006

Coming Soon: Arivaca Skate Park

Looking for a place to skate in Southern Arizona? Look no further than the Arivaca Skate Park!

Dreamed up by some enterprising residents of Arivaca, community members built the entire first phase of the Skate Park by hand. In fact, that first phase was funded completely through t-shirt sales.

Once Pima County got wind of the project, they were able to secure a \$70,000 Community Development Block Grant for the park. This allowed construction to begin on phase two of the skate park, which hadn't been budgeted to start for several years.

Supervisor Bronson commends the residents of Arivaca on their big dreams as well as their commitment to making the community an even better place to live.

Visit the park's website at www.SkateArivaca.com



Swing down to Ajo... Check out the Golf Club's new roof!

On April 20, the residents of Ajo welcomed Supervisor Bronson at their golf and country club to dedicate the clubhouse's new roof!

These long-awaited repairs have been needed for years, but no money for such an extensive project was available in the budget. The solution came when Supervisor Bronson was able to secure \$105,000 in supplemental Parks & Recreation funding for the project.

This country club isn't just a place for local golfers—the entire community of Ajo



benefits from having such a great facility. Not only does the club host community groups and draw area tourists, scholarships are awarded to local students from the revenues brought in by tournaments held at the golf course.

While Supervisor Bronson was in Ajo, she took the opportunity to honor one of the Golf Club's founding members, Glen Davis, for his commitment to the club and the community. Thanks to residents like Mr. Davis, the Ajo Golf Club will continue to be a hub of community activity for years to come.

Congratulations, Flowing Wells!

Flowing Wells

2007

All-America City Finalist

Flowing Wells is up for an exciting national award!

The National Civic League has selected Flowing Wells as one of 21 finalists for the 2007 All-American Cities Award. They are the first community in Southern Arizona to receive this distinction, and only the second

finalist ever chosen from the entire state.

This honor was awarded after Flowing Wells submitted an extensive application detailing the three projects they believe make them "All-American"—their community center, their health center, and two great regional parks.

Getting this far was truly a community effort—the Neighborhood Association (FVNACC), Pima County, the City of Tucson, Flowing Wells School District, and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Social Services are among the groups that have supported Flowing Wells as they developed such outstanding community projects.

June 5 – 8, representatives from many of these groups will be traveling to Anaheim, CA, to make their final presentation. Ten of the finalists will be chosen to receive the award, and Flowing Wells' chances look great. Good luck, Flowing Wells, we know you will bring that award back home to Arizona!



Children celebrating the opening of a new park in Flowing Wells



Conservation Update Sweetwater Wildlife Preserve

Have you heard about the Sweetwater Wildlife Preserve?

It's Arizona's FIRST certified Community Wildlife Habitat—and only the 22nd community in the entire US to receive this honor.

Certification is received through the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program, which allows individuals to certify their yard as a place where animals can find food and water, and even raise their young.

Thank you, Sweetwater in the Foothills, for doing your part to protect Arizona's unique environmental heritage.



Would you and your family like to certify *your* backyard? Here are some quick tips!

1. Put out a bird feeder and fill it with sunflower seeds—birds love this tasty treat!
2. Plant a shrub with flowers for butterflies or berries for birds and small animals.
3. Put out a bird bath, even just a small one.
4. Dense shrubs, wildflower gardens and rock walls provide cover for wildlife.
5. Hang a birdhouse, plant host plants for caterpillars or install a frog pond to provide places to raise young.
6. Put away the chemicals! Natural gardens are better for you, your family, and wildlife.

Tips from www.nwf.org/bwh

"Have you heard?"

Smoking Vehicle Hotline

See an overly-polluting motor vehicle? Call the Smoking Vehicle Hotline!

What to do: Write down the AZ license plate number, date, and location of the polluting vehicle.

Who to call: Call the **Smoking Vehicle Hotline** at **622-5700**

What happens: After you report the vehicle, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality finds the vehicle owner's address through the AZ Motor Vehicle Division. Then, we send the owner a letter notifying them that their vehicle has been reported and that it needs to be repaired.

What you can do to keep our air clean:

- ◆ Keep your car well-maintained
- ◆ Fix emission problems quickly
- ◆ Combine many small errands into one trip
- ◆ Keep tires properly inflated
- ◆ **Report smoking vehicles to 622-5700!**



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 Estates
Tucson Mountains Association
Tohono O'odham Nation
Ward III
WPCCC (Ajo)

Marana State of the Town— Here's to 30 wonderful years!



On April 19, Marana hit a real milestone: its 30th year of incorporation as a town.

Marana officials celebrated the day with a luncheon at the Lazy

K Bar Guest Ranch, where guests enjoyed a breathtaking view of the mountains and the Tucson valley below— as well as some delicious BBQ chicken!

Supervisor Bronson was in attendance, and was glad to hear Mayor Honea's speech touch on many of the issues that have been themes of her time on the Board— including water, employment and economic development, community safety, and efficient government.

"The Town of Marana is a model for smart growth," Supervisor Bronson remarked.

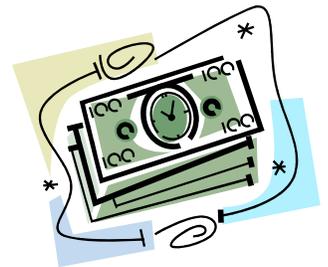
"Marana has managed to strike a delicate balance, enacting progressive environmental protections without stifling progress. I commend the town on looking toward the future without losing sight of its rich heritage."

Consumer Alert:

Identity Theft

Protect yourself— here's what you may not know about identity theft:

- ◆ Never use debit cards for online or phone purchases— they lack the security features of credit cards.
- ◆ Don't turn in hotel key cards— the magnetic strip contains a wealth of personal information. Shred them!
- ◆ Write "Ask for Photo ID" next to your signature on the back of credit cards.
- ◆ Parents, check your children's credit reports once a year to prevent fraud.
- ◆ Never, ever carry your Social Security card with you— a stolen wallet could mean a lifetime of credit problems!



Ajo / Kinney Road Shopping Center Update: *Project beginning late this summer!*

Pima County, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and developer Donahue Schriber have teamed up to complete improvements at the Ajo / Kinney intersection.

On the NW corner of that intersection, Donahue Schriber is building a specialty retail center including a Wal-Mart.

What had been three separate projects have been combined into a single design/build project with one unified design and an expedited construction process.

Pima County, ADOT and the developer are working hand-in-hand to deal with existing and future traffic needs in the Ajo / Kinney area. The construction improvements as well as site work on the retail center are expected to begin late this summer, with a tentative Spring 2008 opening.

Memorial Day with Tucson Estates

Tucson Estates invites you to join them in commemorating our veterans on Memorial Day, Monday May 28, 2007.

The parade begins at 8am— the theme is “We Thank Our Veterans.” You are welcome to line the Tucson Estates sidewalks along Western Way Circle all the way to the golf course. Lawn chairs and umbrellas are encouraged.

Following the parade, a Memorial Ceremony will be held, remembering the sacrifices that have been made for our country.

The National Champion “Lady Phantoms” Color Guard, AMVETS and US Marines Color Guards will participate in the Tucson Estates ceremonies, and there will be an Arizona National Guard F-16 flyover following the memorial.

Questions? Contact Duane Krause of Tucson Estates, 883-1440

Tucson Estates is located one mile north of the intersection at Ajo Way and Kinney Road— turn right onto Western Way.



Crime Prevention Through Design (CPTD)

Want to take crime prevention to the next level?

CPTD makes use of design and landscape principles to help prevent crime before it starts.

Can you use these ideas in *your* community?

1. **Natural Surveillance**— Light the property and make sure there is a view from the street to prevent covert illegal activity
2. **Natural Access Control**— Buffer the property with gates, walls, fences, etc. Also consider vegetation to prevent intruders... cacti work great!
3. **Territorial Reinforcement**
 - A. **Maintenance**— Show that the property is well cared-for. Keep the property clean and the structures in good repair.
 - B. **Activity Support**— Signage can show that an area is cared for by the community.

Old Computers? Recycle Them!

Don't let those old computers clutter your office, donate them to low-income families, youths and seniors in Pima County.

Pima Computer Recycling is a non-profit 501(c)3 recycling, refurbishing and redistribution center. They will repair or upgrade your computer and sell it at a very low price or donate it to qualifying individuals or families.

This is a charitable tax deduction, and your privacy is assured— all hard drives are re-formatted and Windows 2000 will be re-installed.

Pick-ups can even be arranged outside of normal business hours!

To donate, call (520) 623-7162 or email recycle@dwnw.org



“What’s Happening?”

Protect Yourself from West Nile Virus

Come learn how to protect yourself from West Nile Virus. Presented by the West Nile Virus SWAT Team and the Pima County Health Department.

4/10 at the Mission Library, 6:30pm
4/17 at the Joel D. Valdez Library, noon
6/9 at the Woods Library, 2pm
6/12 at Geasa-Marana Library, 3pm
6/13 at Nanini Library, 6:30pm
6/23 at Miller-Golf Links Library, 11am

Skin Cancer Awareness

Arizona has skin cancer rates far greater than the national average. Learn how to protect yourself from the sun!

5/19 at the Valencia Library, 1pm
6/1 at the Sam Lena—South Tucson Library, 2pm
6/30 at the Martha Cooper Library, 11am

Swimming Pool Safety

Let the Tucson Fire Department teach your kids about water safety— and how it can be fun!

5/11 at the Himmel Park Library, 10:30am
(Preschoolers)
5/17 at the El Pueblo Library, 4pm
(8—13 year olds)
6/14 at the Miller-Golf Links Library, 10:30am
(Preschoolers)

